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Four Arabs killed in heavy Tulkarm rioting

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Palestinians died and at least six were wounded yesterday in serious rioting in the Tulkarm area, as Palestinians observed the second day of a general strike called by the "United National Leadership of the Uprising."

A major clash occurred at the Nur Shams refugee camp near Tulkarm, where residents tried to pull down a wire-mesh fence erected in front of the camp this week to deter stone-throwing.

Local sources said a huge crowd of residents set up rock barricades on the road in front of the camp to stop army jeeps, while they tried to bring down the fence.

A patrol that arrived at the scene was pelted with rocks. The troops fired tear gas and later shot at the rioters, wounding at least six, two of them seriously, according to military sources.

Sources in Tulkarm said 23 gunshot victims were brought to the local hospital, after the troops opened fire at the rioters. They said clashes erupted at the hospital when the wounded arrived, and troops fired tear gas to dipserse the protesters.

The two seriously wounded were taken to Israeli hospitals, and one, who was shot in the head, died of his wounds at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, according to Palestinian sources. They identified him as Ashraf Mahmud Ibrahim, 25.

A 60-year-old Tulkarm municipal employee, Salim al-Yihya, also died; Palestinian sources said he had been overcome by tear gas, but a military spokesman said he had died of a heart attack.

Mourners at Al-Yihya's funeral marched through Tulkarm, raising Palestinian flags and clashing with troops, local sources said.

Earlier, roads in Tulkarm and its refugee camp were barricaded with rocks, and troops were pelted with rocks during riots that erupted at the same time as the unrest at Nur Shams. Curfews were clamped on Nur Shams and the Tulkarm refugee camp.

A Palestinian was killed at the village of Yaabad near Jenin, where, according to Palestinian sources, protesters clashed with troops. They identified the victim as Omar Hamarshe, 25, and said four other demonstrators had been injured. The IDF said it was investigating the death.

A fourth Palestinian was killed at Naziat Issa near Tulkarm. Palestinian sources identified him as Hisham a-Lush, 23, and said he had been shot in the neck during a clash with troops. The IDF said it was investigating the killing.

A curfew was clamped on the Jelazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah after protesters moved towards the Jerusalem-Nablus highway, hurling rocks at troops. The troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters. Soldiers also fired tear gas at youths who hurled stones at them at the Dehaishe refugee camp near Bethlehem.

The general strike was widely observed in the West Bank yesterday: streets were deserted, stores were shuttered, and workers did not go to Israel.

BRADLEY BURSTON adds:

A period of relative quiet in the Gaza Strip was shattered when violent unrest erupted throughout the region yesterday.

Local observers called the rioting the most serious in Gaza in a month.

In the refugee camp of Khan Yunis, two residents were wounded by gunfire late yesterday, one seriously, after large numbers of youths spilled into the streets, violating curfew restrictions imposed earlier in the day.

Arriving on the scene, soldiers attempted to disperse the surging crowd with tear gas, rubber bullets, and shots fired into the air. As the crowd continued to advance, throwing bottles and rocks at the troops, soldiers opened fire, aiming at the legs of the demonstrators.

The seriously injured man, shot in the neck, was flown to Soroka Hos-

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'Nay-sayers to U.S peace plan will have to answer to themselves'

Reagan doesn't budge Shamir

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON – President Reagan made it clear yesterday that the U.S. was not retreating from its peace initiative, despite its failure to win visiting Prime Minister Shamir's backing for the plan.

Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz were said by their aides to be still determined to press ahead with the initiative, and Reagan continued to urge Shamir to support it.

The officials left open the possibility that Shultz would even return to the Middle East to resume his shuttle diplomacy shortly after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's visit to Washington next week.

"So let's be clear about several things," Reagan said at the White House in what his aides described as a "blunt talk." "The U.S. will not slice this initiative apart and will not abandon it. And those who will say 'No' to the U.S. plan – and the prime minister has not used this word – need not answer to us; they'll need to answer to themselves and their people as to why they turned down a realistic and sensible plan to achieve negotiations. This is a time for all the parties to the conflict to make decisions for peace."

Shultz and Shamir are scheduled to meet this morning for a final round of talks. From Washington, Shamir flies to Los Angeles. The prime minister yesterday suggested that Shultz might inform him today of some specific steps now planned by the U.S.

U.S. officials, while avoiding any public spat with Shamir, privately continued to express their deep disappointment over the prime minister's refusal to go along with Shultz's vision of a carefully limited international peace conference designed to kick off direct Arab-Israeli negotiations.

There was no indication that the U.S. was prepared to back away from any aspect of the Shultz plan.

U.S. officials noted that they had still not received an official response to the U.S. plan from the Israeli government or from any of the Arab states. "No one has yet said 'No,'" an American official said.

Shamir said that upon his return to Jerusalem early next week, he would report to the inner cabinet on his talks in Washington, and the cabinet would then decide "how to decide" about responding to the Shultz plan.

Shamir, meeting with Israeli reporters in his Grand Hotel suite, said that he had told Reagan and Shultz that he was only prepared to accept "something similar" to the U.S. proposal of October 1987, which called for a U.S.-Soviet ceremonial opening of direct Arab-Israeli talks.

But the Americans have expressed doubts that King Hussein will accept anything short of a full-scale conference. Last October, Hussein turned down a Shultz proposal that Arab and Israeli leaders participate in the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Washington which would then have served as the international "auspices" for direct negotiations.

A senior U.S. official yesterday expressed doubt that the U.S. would try to revive that plan. "There wouldn't be much point in proposing it again," he said, referring to Hussein's strong opposition.

Israeli officials made it clear that the prime minister, despite his three days of very intense discussions in Washington this week, was still completely opposed to the kind of full-scale international conference proposed by Shultz. The prime minister does not want the five permament members of the UN Security Council participating in the peace process.

In his counter-proposal to Reagan and Shultz, Shamir did indeed endorse the concept of a formal international conference, but only in regard to coming up with a humanitarian effort to ease the plight of Palestinian refugees in camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The prime minister has proposed that the international community fund a massive resettlement scheme for the refugees in the territories, enabling them to move out of the camps and into permanent housing.

The Americans yesterday made it clear that at some early point they would still very much like to receive a formal Israeli governmental reply. Privately, they suggested that an official "No" from Israel would probably lead to early national elections.

At a White House briefing, a senior administration official told reporters that "there's essentially no slamming of doors by the Israeli side on the proposal. The prime minister, in all his remarks, welcomed our involvement, said he was looking forward to a framework to conduct direct peace negotiations between Israel and ...its Arab neighbours."

According to the U.S. official, who asked not to be identified by name, the U.S. and Israel will continue their discussions on the Shultz plan.

The official again sought to underscore the limited nature of the proposed international conference. He said that the U.S., since it first endorsed an international meeting in February 1987 as a way of achieving direct negotiations, has made it clear that such a conference could not impose or veto bilateral agreements.

"We believe that real negotiations will not take place if a conference has the power to be intrusive," the official quoted Reagan as having told Shamir. "And as you will recall how often we have stood with Israel at the United Nations and elsewhere against pressure, even pressure coming form our own allies, so, too, we will stand against pressure coming from the conference."

Reagan, according to the senior U.S. official, went out of his way to condemn PLO terrorism. "The PLO is once again revealing its real intent," Reagan reportedly said. "It says 'No' to peace and 'Yes' to terrorism. We won't allow extremists in the Arab world to think that a wedge can be driven between the States and Israel. We must also search for ways to give moderate Palestinians and Arab governments a stake in becoming assertive."

The prime minister came to the White House following yet another round of lengthy talks with Shultz in the morning. After an initial 30-minute private discussion with Shamir at the White House, Reagan hosted a larger working luncheon in honour of the prime minister.

Later, both Reagan and Shamir delivered carefully-worded departure statements.

Mourners are conforted after being injured by a grenade attack during a funeral in Belfast yesterday of three IRA men shot. Three people were killed and 34 injured in the attack. (Story – Page 3)(AFP)

Shamir: No danger of rift with U.S.

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

WASHINGTON – Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday following his meetings with President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz, that there was no danger of a rift between Israel and the U.S. and that he would return to Israel with "peace of mind" on this matter.

Sources close to Shamir said that the prime minister will try to dissuade the Labour Party from pressing for a "yes or no" cabinet decision on the U.S. proposals. There is no reason for Israel to go on record as rejecting the programme, they said, while Arab countries have yet to reply.

Sources close to Shamir tried to give the impression that U.S.-Israeli relations were solid. But the same sources acknowledged that Shamir had been left with the impression that Shultz had implied that an Israeli rejection of his proposals would bring about a deterioration in relations between the two countries.

Most of Shamir's talks in Washington with Shultz had centred on the international conference and not on other aspects of the American plan. Shamir said yesterday that this was because of the "simple reason that the conference constitutes the first stage in the American plan."

Shamir said that he had expressed "our vigorous reservations" about the internaional conference. He reiterated his agreement to an "international opening" to peace talks that would be issued to the two superpowers. Shamir indicated that he was willing to be flexible on amending some parts of his agreement to the opening.

Shamir said that the Americans perceive some possibility of bridging the gap between his agreement to an invitation and their proposals.

Israeli sources said that the Americans did not seek a flat yes or no answer from Shamir, knowing full well that his expected 'no' would derail their peace proposals. Shultz is expected to seek a definitive answer from Soviet foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on the Soviet attitude toward the American plan when the two meet here next week.

Shamir indicated yesterday that the Americans would now discuss whether to "leave aside" their initiative or to press ahead with it. American sources said yesterday that Shultz is considering holding yet another shuttle mission in the Middle East in the next few weeks.

"We agreed to welcome the American involvement in the peace process and we will be willing to cooperate in searching for ways to advance peace, without committing ourselves to accepting everything that is proposed," Shamir said.

In Shamir's talks here, the U.S. and Israel were also discussing an expansion of, and written agreement on, the strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Shamir said that he had not rejected the American proposal, since there had been no cabinet decision on the matter. He said that no one in Washington had objected to the fact that he had not brought a definitive answer with him.

"Nobody told me anything about a fixed date for an answer," Shamir said.

Shamir said that he found U.S. Jewry to be united in its support of Israel.

He said that the disturbances in the territories had hardly been raised in his talks, and that no one had made any negative remarks on Israel's handling of the riots.

Shamir said that the Americans reacted favourably to his proposals that an international effort to resettle Palestinian refugees must be made within the framework of peace negotiations.

Adding fuel to the fire

ANALYSIS
Yehuda Litani

"The territories are a pressure cooker. If you seal them, they will explode."

The late Moshe Dayan said that, over 15 years ago, in response to Israeli politicians who wanted to seal off the territories from Jordan or from Israel.

More than three months after the beginning of the Palestinian uprising in the territories, both sides seem determined to turn the West Bank and the Gaza Strip into a pressure cooker.

The Palestinian leadership is trying to bring the uprising to a new peak, while the Israeli government is escalating its responses in an attempt to defuse the uprising.

Palestinian activists have initiated the resignation of Palestinian policemen and Civil Administration officials, and Israel has responded by cutting off fuel supplies to gas stations in the territories.

The "Unified National Leadership of the Uprising", has gained widespread compliance with instructions, appearing in weekly leaflets, for strikes, demonstrations and disturbances; Israel has hit back by cutting off international phone links to the territories.

A Palestinian policeman was murdered in Jericho, and an alleged "collaborator" was lynched in Kabatiya. Israel's response has been to ban the movement of Palestinians between the West Bank and Gaza and to clamp a nightly curfew on Gaza.

Internal terror prevails in the territories, as masked Palestinian activists threaten to kill the wealthy unless they turn over large sums of money. Israeli observers say that some of these incidents are simple banditry and point to an increase of criminal activity under the guise of the uprising. Acts of hooliganism by Israeli settlers are another indication that lawlessness is spreading.

The Israelis and the Palestinians, like professional gamblers, are playing for the highest stakes. Each side is adding fuel to the fire of resentment in the territories, waiting to see who will step back from the heat first.

The Israeli steps are aimed at breaking the spirit of the uprising. At the moment, this spirit does not appear to be cracking. The pressure-cooker policy applied by the Israelis is a double-edged sword: it could serve the Israeli purposes and stop the uprising temporarily. But at the same time it could play into the hands of the leaders of the uprising, giving them the ammunition they need to keep the pressure up.

Likud lash into Peres in Knesset row

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

A row of unprecedented magnitude for this Knesset broke out in the plenum yesterday, with MKs standing in the gangway and screaming insults at each other and at Foreign Minister Peres.

The occasion was a series of motions for the agenda on the European Parliament's recent decision to withhold ratification of the convention on Israeli agricultural exports. The right-wing, following Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's lead on Tuesday, blamed this on Peres's emissaries.

Another motion was moved by the Likud's Uzi Landau on "Labour's attempts to create American pressure on the prime minister during his visit to the U.S.," a reference to MK Abba Eban's current visit to the U.S.

Peres began his reply by attempting to meet what he saw as right-wing slurs on his peace policy and his staff. David Magen (Likud), one of the main speakers in the debate, was quick to pick up the gauntlet that Peres had thrown down: "It seems that the foreign minister is rattled. Let him know that for every question he poses t[illegible] he will get an answer."

And the burly, loud-voiced Magen was as good as his word, leading what Peres called "the slanderers brigade" and butting into Peres's speech time and again.

Peres reminded the Likud of the diplomatic and security failures of their administration: then ambassador Moshe Arens had been blissfully ignorant of the Reagan plan in 1982; but the Likud had surpassed itself in the Lebanon war when 650 had been killed and 4,000 maimed.

Did the right want a resumption of escalation, a renewed arms race, Peres asked.

To Yuval Ne'eman's interjection that he wanted to settle Jews in the territories, Peres hit back: "Where will you get those Jews from? I've seen the Jews in the settlements and I don't want to express my opinion of them now!"

The European Parliament's move was a breach of contract, Peres said, condemning it as an attempt to use economic pressure to achieve political ends.

But he stuck to the line he has pushed consistently: for the sake of security Israel has to have peace, has to refrain from ruling 1.5 million Arabs, has to speak clearly.

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Gorbachev proposes superpower naval freeze in Mediterranean

BELGRADE (AP) – Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev proposed yesterday that the U.S. and Soviet Union freeze their naval forces in the Mediterranean on July 1 as part of a programme to reduce tensions in what he called "one of the most explosive regions of the world."

The Soviet leader, who on previous occasions has offered to withdraw the Soviet fleet from the Mediterranean if the U.S. would do the same, told the Yugoslavian parliament a first step would be to freeze superpower forces and set ceilings on the number of U.S. and Soviet vessels operating in the region.

He called the Mediterranean "an intricate knot of conflicting interests abounding in huge military arsenals which are continuing to grow."

"There is no other enclosed sea with the same concentration of naval forces," Gorbachev said, adding that his country is particularly concerned because the Mediterranean lies near its southern borders and

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Gorbachev addresses the Yugoslav parliament yesterday. (AFP)

U.S. considering Nicaragua response 'short of invasion'

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Reagan said yesterday that Nicaraguan troops had attacked Contra rebel positions in neighbouring Honduras, and his spokesman said the United States was considering "everything ... short of invasion" in response.

CBS News reported yesterday that Reagan has decided to send up to 3,000 American troops to Honduras, but they will be in a non-combat role and not stationed near the border with Nicaragua.

In a report from its Pentagon correspondent CBS said the troops would probably come from the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

But White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker yesterday denied the CBS report.

"The president has made no decisions. He's identifying his options. We are keeping very close touch on the situation," he told reporters in Congress.

The Honduran ambassador to the U.S. said there had been an invasion by thousands of Sandinista troops.

Nicaragua, which at first denied the reported invasion, said it was "looking into the reports."

Asked whether he was considering any use of U.S. military forces, Reagan replied, "We've been in consultation with the Honduran government, but I can't comment on anything."

He said that "the information we have is that Nicaragua has crossed the border into Honduras. Obviously we're concerned."

Speaking separately, the Honduran ambassador, Roberto Martinez, said there had been a "penetration into Honduran territory of a number, ... definitely in the thousands, of Sandinista troops.

"At this moment, we are trying to obtain a clearing of the area, ... a total withdrawal, immediate withdrawal, of the Sandinista troops from our territory."

But he said his government hoped to avoid military action.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan, his national security adviser, the secretary of state and others "have conferred at length in the last 24 hours concerning the Nicaraguan invasion of Honduran territory."

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Young wizard shakes confidence in computers

PARIS (Reuter) – A West German student has succeeded in breaking into one of the world's top-selling computers, in what experts say is a new blow to confidence in computer security.

Steffen Wernery, 19, is a member of the Hamburg-based Chaos Computer Club, which caused a storm last year when it revealed it had penetrated more than 100 computers around the world, including the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration network.

Wernery, who was in Paris for a computer conference, was detained and questioned by French police.

Wernery reportedly worked out how to enter VAX computers made by Digital Equipment Corp. of the U.S. by using material openly available from Digital.

Rudiger Dierstein, of West Germany's National Space Foundation, told Reuters the consequences of Wernery's achievement were "terrifying." He said: "This person has given a full description of how to gain access to the system and gain full control. Imagine combining the intelligence of this hacker with a criminal intention. Someone could take control of a satellite, as they are all computer-controlled."

Dierstein said the 19-year-old had privately published his work in a pamphlet entitled *Hints on VMS use*, but police had confiscated all the copies. The VMS Virtual Memory System is the main language used in Digital's VAX computers.

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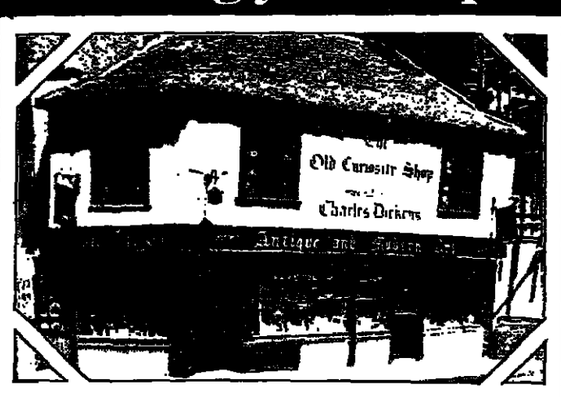

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BUENOS AIRES	15	59	27	80	Clear
CHICAGO	-8	17	-1	30	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	32	1	34	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	5	41	11	52	Cloudy
GENEVA	-2	28	15	59	Clear
HELSINKI	-8	18	-1	30	Clear
HONG KONG	16	61	19	66	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	15	59	27	81	Clear
LISBON	9	48	18	64	Cloudy
LONDON	5	41	11	52	Cloudy
MADRID	5	41	19	66	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-6	21	0	32	Cloudy
NEW YORK	0	32	6	43	Clear
OSLO	-7	19	0	32	Cloudy
PARIS	8	46	11	52	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	68	34	93	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	64	29	84	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-12	10	-1	30	Clear
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Nahariya	–	—	–
Safad	51	4-14	17
Haifa Port	57	–24	24
Tiberias	64	7-23	25
Nazareth	34	7-20	21
Afula	29	5-22	24
Shomron	65	5-19	21
Tel Aviv	61	9-20	23
B-G Airport	26	7-22	24
Jericho	30	8-24	26
Gaza	62	10-17	22
Beersheba	32	6-22	25
Eilat	22	12-26	27

Awad detained

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Palestinian-American activist Mubarak Awad was detained by police for questioning yesterday on suspicion of organizing a women's sit-in at the village of Issawiya near Jerusalem. He was released last night, and will probably be charged with organizing an illegal assembly, police sources said.

Awad's lawyer, Jonathan Kuttab, said Awad had been stopped by police for an alleged traffic violation near St. George's Church in East Jerusalem. After the the police discovered Awad's identity, they took him to the Russian Compound for questioning, Kuttab said.

Awad, who was present at the sit-in and had been ordered away by police, denied under questioning that he had organized it. The sit-in was held to protest against what villagers claimed was a rampage by settlers, who they said ransacked five houses and vandalized two cars.

Awad, an advocate of non-violent resistance to Israeli rule in the territories, launched a public campaign in November to fight moves to deport him. The Interior Ministry had refused to renew his tourist visa, after earlier revoking his Jerusalem residence. Pressure from U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering is thought to have prevented his deportation.

The High Court of Justice this week issued an order requiring Prime Minister Shamir, as acting interior minister, to show cause within 60 days why Awad should not be deported. The order was issued following a petition filed by right-wing activist Eliakim Haetzni and Shlomo Baum.

Intn'l phone links severed to areas

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Palestinians in the territories made unsuccessful attempts to contact relatives abroad yesterday and waited in vain for scheduled phone calls as the Civil Administration severed international phone links with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Some Palestinians travelled to East Jerusalem to make their international calls.

Angry businessmen complained that the ban severely hampered their contacts with clients and suppliers abroad. They argued that, while the ban was ostensibly designed to stop contacts between local activists and PLO operatives abroad, these contacts could continue through East Jerusalem, while the broader population suffered.

One leading Nablus businessman called the ban an intolerable infringement on basic human rights, and said that, along with the other collective sanctions in the territories, it had put Palestinians in "an isolation cell."

About 35,000 Palestinian homes have phones, according to official Israeli figures: 20,000 in the West Bank and 15,000 in the Gaza Strip, out of a population of some 1.5 million.

Ramallah attorney Muna Rishmawi said that her attempts to call her brother in Germany were met with a three-note tone "which sounded something like what you hear when you dial a number not in service." The tone was heard as soon as she completed dialling the three digit country code, she said.

Her attempt to dial the international operator, 18, ended with the same tone, she said. A call she was expecting from her brother did not come through.

"Unlike other places, most people in the West Bank have relatives abroad, and they are now unable to get through in case of emergency, or if someone dies. Most people don't live near Jerusalem, and they can't go there to make their calls," she said.

Susu Abu Ghazaleh, daughter of Gaza doctor Hatem Abu Ghazaleh, said she had been repeatedly thwarted in attempts to reach her parents, who are currently visiting the U.S. "Luckily they called yesterday, just before the ban was imposed. Today, the line sounded busy as soon as I dialled the 001 country code for the United States."

The blocking of direct calls has been facilitated by the separate switchboards serving Arab communities, which are not connected to switchboards serving Jewish settlements or Israeli towns. A simple operation was apparently all that was needed to disconnect the Arab switchboards from the international service.

In addition, international exchange operators have reportedly been told not to handle collect calls to and from Palestinians in the territories.

Despite the cut-off, there have been reported cases of phone calls from abroad getting through to the territories. Deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natshe said he had received a call from a journalist in London who contacted him to test the Israeli ban.

Shaki: NRP may agree to narrow coalition

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Post Political Reporter

The National Religious Party would prefer to join a narrow, Likud-led government rather than have early elections if the national unity government falls apart over the Shultz initiative, the NRP's Avner Shaki said yesterday.

Some members of the Likud Knesset faction who favour the creation of a government with a narrow majority were said to have met NRP leaders yesterday and offered the education portfolio to Zevulun Hammer and the religious portfolio to Shaki in such a government. Hammer is the religious affairs minister in the present government.

Hammer denied the rumours, stressing that nobody had discussed such a possibility with him.

Earlier this week the NRP officially announced that it would not consider a narrow-based government, and said the national unity government should continue.

Shaki said no one had offered him anything, but noted that he would be meeting with a Likud committee tomorrow. He added that there was little chance of a narrow government, and emphasized that nothing would be decided before Prime Minister Shamir's return from the U.S.

Histadrut snubs Treasury plea on C-o-L

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

The Histadrut yesterday firmly rejected Treasury pleas to postpone the 4.9 per cent cost-of-living allowance due to be paid with this month's salaries, Histadrut trade-union department head Haim Haberfeld told reporters after a meeting with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim in Jerusalem. He said the labour federation "is not prepared to postpone a cost-of-living increase that comes in the wake of price rises."

No other economic agreement that is linked to the consumer price index postpones the updating of payments after rises in the index, Haberfeld said.

The Histadrut official told the reporters that the increase would be paid on time, despite the finance minister's request for a postponement. He cited the recent pledges of both Nissim and the Manufacturers' Association to honour the terms of the c-o-l accord.

The accord expires at the end of this month, and Haberfeld insisted that it had to be replaced by a new agreement. He said the Histadrut was determined to keep to the mechanism of the present accord, but was prepared to adjust it in order to lower inflation. He refused to give details of the Histadrut's suggestions, although he did say that, instead of fixing at 12 per cent the rate of cumulative inflation at which a c-o-l payment is paid, as the Treasury has suggested, the Histadrut is seeking a lower rate than the present 7 per cent.

He summarily dismissed the Manufacturers' Association's idea of paying the c-o-l increment only once a year. This, he said, would give industrialists too free a hand to introduce changes in the economy over the space of 12 months.

Haberfeld also scotched any talk of a package deal. "A package deal is where the Histadrut makes all the sacrifices and everybody else does nothing," he said.

Haberfeld said he and Nissim had also discussed the chaos in the government hospital system as a result of the doctors' sanctions. The doctors are demanding the same overtime payments for second shifts as are granted to Kupat Holim Clalit doctors.

He said the two had agreed to discuss the problem this afternoon, after an internal Histadrut consultation in the morning. He explained that yesterday's discussion had centred on identifying the problems caused by the Histadrut health fund's agreement with its doctors.

Nissim, he said, is demanding one agreement for all hospital physicians, and he commented that "there is a chance of ending the dispute to everyone's satisfaction."

The head of Kupat Holim Clalit, Professor Haim Doron, also took part in yesterday's discussion, as did Finance Ministry Director-General Victor Medina and ministry wages chief Ya'acov Danon.

Ronit Ben-Haim (Dan Landau)

Woman held in murder of nurse

Police suspect that Niva Brosh, whose body was found in her car near Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl in January, was murdered by her husband's 22-year-old friend Ronit Ben-Haim.

Ben-Haim was arrested nearly two weeks ago, but Magistrates' Court Judge Ayala Procaccia only permitted publication of her name yesterday. The judge yesterday extended Ben-Haim's remand for another five days.

Police gave Ben-Haim a lie-detector test and found that she had given false answers to several questions about the case. But the head of the police investigation team admitted in court yesterday that there was no other evidence linking Ben-Haim to the case.

Brosh, a nurse, was last seen alive at Haddassah Hospital in Ein Kerem on January 28. Police intend to show Ben-Haim's picture to Hadassah employees to determine whether any of them saw her at the hospital on the day Brosh disappeared.

Ben-Haim's lawyer asked that her client's remand be extended for only a short period because she is due to be operated on next week. The judge granted the request. (Itim)

Student allegedly says Kach leaders encouraged attacks

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

An 18-year-old student in Jerusalem's Kach-affiliated yeshiva was yesterday remanded in custody for 10 days by the Petah Tikva Magistrates' Court, where he was charged with vandalizing the car of Peace Now activist Amiram Goldbloom, attempting to burn down the Anglican Church, and other acts of vandalism.

Noam Federman reportedly claimed that he had been encouraged to commit these acts by senior leaders of the Kach movement; Kol Yisrael also reported that he had confessed to most of the crimes he was charged with.

Federman is also suspected of slashing the tyres of 20 Arab-owned cars in Jerusalem, and of painting Kach slogans on the walls of Mayor Teddy Kollek's home and on the Israel Television building.

Kach spokesman Baruch Merzel said that Federman was an "outstanding" student at the "Jewish Idea" Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Geula quarter.

"We really wonder when he had the time to do all these things, because he was studying all the time," said Merzel, adding that the movement had no official comment yet on the case.

Before entering the yeshiva a year ago, Federman was a leader in the Kach youth movement for nearly seven years, Merzel added.

Poindexter, North indicted on criminal charges

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – President Reagan's former national security aides, John Poindexter and Oliver North, were indicted yesterday on criminal charges stemming from the Iran-Contra scandal, a special prosecutor said.

Special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said the two men and two of their business associates were charged with illegally conspiring to defraud the U.S. government in the secret arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits to Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

More delays for surgery

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Hundreds of patients who had been due to undergo non-emergency surgery yesterday, after waiting for months or even years, were informed by government hospital administrators that they may have to wait even longer. The cause of the delay was doctors' sanctions, which closed operating rooms at all government and government-municipal hospitals through Sunday, except for life-and-death cases.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, unable to budge the Finance Ministry from its firm rejection of the doctors demands' for the same overtime payments as Histadrut Kupat Holim Clalit doctors, accused the ministry of "heartlessness."

There was also bad news for patients in private geriatric hospitals yesterday. Owners of the institutions, which accommodate 1,000 patients subsidized by the government, said they may have to send their patients away unless the government agrees to negotiate an increase in their per diem per patient subsidy from NIS 40 to NIS 55.

Katyushas in Galilee

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Katyusha rockets fell in Galilee yesterday morning for the second time this month, causing slight damage to some property but no injuries.

The IDF spokesman reported that three rockets had been fired from north of the security zone in South Lebanon.

OC Northern Command Yossi Peled visited the scene and spoke with inhabitants of the region.

Children, who had been preparing to go to school, stayed home during the early part of the morning, but life soon returned to normal. "There was some concern but no panic," said Zvika, a local resident.

He said that there had been an increase in rocket attacks in the North lately, but residents did not fear a return to the situation that existed prior to the Lebanon war. "There is the security zone now, and we have every faith in the IDF," Zvika said.

Meanwhile, 14 rockets fell on the Christian township of Jezzine, and a patrol of Christian militiamen in the region was attacked by gunmen yesterday afternoon.

Three of the militiamen, who are attached to the forces of the South Lebanese Army commander, General Antoine Lahad, were wounded in the encounter. Reports from Lebanon said that five Hizbullah gunmen were killed in the clash.

Some police stations in territories may be left understaffed

By DVORAH GETZLER

Small police stations in the territories that were staffed exclusively by local Arab policemen who have just resigned will not be staffed by Israelis, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to an urgent question by Menahem Porush (Agudat Yisrael).

If local policemen cannot be found for these small stations, they will be left unstaffed, the minister said. The locals will then have to seek the services they need from distant police stations.

Answering a supplementary question by Tehiya's Geula Cohen, Bar-Lev said that police services were not political and had to be rendered by people who spoke the language of the residents and understood local conditions. People unfamiliar with the language and the back alleys could at best fulfil only the most partial of police functions, he said.

The Likud's Dov Shilansky suggested that the "patriots" who had settled in the territories after the Six Day War were ready to assume police duties there.

To that, Bar-Lev said: "Don't put them in touch with me; put them in touch with the police recruitment officers. If such 'patriots' indeed exist, let them go to the recruitment office. There they will be investigated to determine who and what they are, and they will be enrolled in the Israel Police like any other Israelis."

The minister also said that the police were trying to persuade Arab policemen in the territories not to resign. As for East Jerusalem, he said, the vast majority of the police there were continuing to serve.

Meanwhile in Jerusalem, police spokesman Rafi Levy warned that if more Arab policemen quit the Temple Mount force that guards the Aksa Mosque, then more Border Police reinforcements will have to be brought in to do their jobs.

Policemen suspected of taking bribe

By JONATHAN KARP

TEL AVIV – The police are investigating several officers in the centre of the country for allegedly accepting bribes from a company that sells alarm systems, a police spokeswoman confirmed yesterday.

They are suspected of having been paid by a Tel Aviv company to recommend its services to local businesses and to approve alarm systems already installed. Insurance companies often require police confirmation that certain clients, such as jewelry stores, have functional alarms connected to a central monitoring unit.

The national police Department for Internal Investigations was alerted some months ago by a Rishon Lezion policeman who reported that officials of Aminut Electronics Ltd. had hinted they would pay him to recommend their services.

The police decided to play along, the officer consented, and telephone calls were recorded. In one conversation, someone from the company promised "very nice" payments.

After building a case against Aminut, the police decided to arrest David Babai, the firm's manager. Ze'ev Moore, the marketing manager, was arrested separately as he was about to close the deal with the officer in a cafe.

Both were released on bail; they are soon to be indicted for offering bribes, a police official said.

The company's owner yesterday refused to comment on the allegations. He first told *The Jerusalem Post* that the case was closed, but he then said he would take legal action against a journalist who yesterday violated an order prohibiting publication of the company's name.

The central district police spokeswoman said there was no such order.

Stay in case of senior officer on currency charges

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Justice Reporter

Attorney-General Yosef Harish has decided upon a stay of proceedings in foreign currency charges against Tat-Aluf (res.) Ephraim Poran, who reportedly held illegal foreign currency accounts abroad to a sum in excess of $200,000.

The case came to light in December 1986.

Former premier Menachem Begin was instrumental in granting Poran a licence as an arms dealer, and it was in that connection that the senior army officer built his foreign currency savings. Harish has decided, in response to a request by Poran, that he will not press the case further on condition that Poran pays a penalty to be decided upon by the customs department.

Harish had cited three reasons for refusing Poran's request until now: the large amount involved; Poran's influential position in Israeli society; and the fact that the moneys involved also belong to other people.

However, Harish has now taken into consideration Poran's impaired health, a police declaration that he had cooperated fully with the investigation, and the difficulty of otherwise proving his guilt.

Harish will formally halt proceedings when he receives confirmation that the penalty has been paid.

KNESSET

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The plenum first erupted when Magen insisted he wanted his motion discussed in the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. "What's involved is the failure of the Foreign Ministry," he said.

Shouting broke out from the Likud and was echoed by the Alignment. But it was Uzi Landau's motion that launched a free-for-all.

Labour, said Landau, had organized a massive counter-offensive to Shamir's visit. Eban was appearing on coast-to-coast television, writing articles and advising the U.S. administration to take measures against the State of Israel. Eban was lending a hand to the PLO by dividing Israeli society. Where, Landau asked Peres, was his conscience in countenancing all this.

The charge stung Labour into action, and Aharon Nahmias, a member of the party's hawkish wing, rose to assert that Landau was "a master of vilification, of slander, of attempts to outlaw" sections of Israeli life.

Peres was even stronger in Eban's defence: Landau was "dust beneath his feet!"

"We are all dust beneath your feet!" Landau hurled back, and so it went on, with Landau joined by the Likud whip, Yehoshua Matza, who cupped his hands around his mouth to make his voice carry even further.

Matza: "We were patient and tolerant for over two years while he was premier... he has been leading the nation astray with fakery... Eban's old age disgraces his youth...never on earth has this happened... You will have to answer for all this, you are dissension within the nation..."

Further shouting broke out, with MKs rising in their seats and raising their fists.

As the hubbub continued and a recess was declared, Yossi Sarid (CRM) growled at the Likud benches: "What a dreadful rabble you are! What a rabble!"

But when the session resumed, a firm Shlomo Hillel replaced Dan Tichon in the chair, and under threat of instant expulsion, members quietened down. A tense vote counted by two tellers dismissed Landau's motion from the agenda, but the scars that have marked this Knesset had thickened considerably.

TULKARM

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pital for surgery. A Soroka spokeswoman said that the man, 29, had suffered fractures of the upper spine.

Doctors at Ahli Hospital in Gaza City told *The Jerusalem Post* that 10 other cases of gunshot wounds had been admitted during the day, three from the Jebalya refugee camp. The IDF spokesman said that he could neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Scores of refugee camp residents were hospitalized at Ahli, Nasa, and Shiffa Hospitals, complaining of beatings and reactions to tear gas, doctors said.

Violent disturbances were also reported in Deir el-Balah, in Nusseirat, and in several Gaza City neighbourhoods, where petrol bombs were thrown at IDF patrols. No injuries to soldiers were reported.

In marked contrast to the mixed response to Tuesday's general strike, participation in yesterday's strike was nearly total, with a negligible number of workers commuting to jobs in Israel.

We mourn the untimely passing of our dear

MARILYN ADDLESTONE

who passed away on Wednesday after a long illness, bravely borne.
The funeral will take place today, Thursday,
at Rehovot Cemetery.
Husband, Eric
Sons, Paul and Stuart
In-laws, Cecil and Esther Addlestone
Her brother, Ronnie
Family and Friends

On the 30th day after the passing of our dear mother

LUBA ARKIN

we shall unveil the tombstone and hold a memorial service
on Monday, March 21, 1988 (3 Nissan 5748) at 3:15 p.m.

We shall meet at the new gate of Holon Cemetery.
Our thanks to all who expressed condolences,
by letter or verbally.

The Family

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

LIESEL PHILIPP

passed away on March 16, 1988.

The Bereaved Family

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy
of Music and Dance
announces with great sorrow
the untimely passing of its student

JONATHAN (Yoni) TOLLMAN

The unveiling of the tombstone and
a memorial service for our parents

ELSA and Dr. AVRAHAM EISEN

will be held tomorrow,
Friday, March 18, 1988 (29 Adar 5748) at 10 a.m.

We shall meet at the entrance to Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Nehama and Motti Ronen, and their families
Nurit and Uri Zin, and their families

Tel Aviv University
The Sourasky Central Library
shares the grief of
Mrs. Barbara Rad-El
on the passing of her

Father

Gunmen kill 3 at Ulster funeral

BELFAST (AP) – Gunmen firing pistols and hurling hand grenades attacked a graveside service for three Irish Republican Army guerrillas yesterday, killing three people and injuring 34, police reported. One man was arrested, but three attackers escaped in a van.

Thousands of mourners flung themselves to the ground as the explosions ripped across the Milltown Roman Catholic cemetery, while hundreds of others raced across the graves pursuing a suspected attacker.

One attacker, weaving and dodging between gravestones, flung a hand grenade at the pursuing mourners. But he was caught by the angry mourners who began beating him before he was rescued.

Organizers of the funeral for the guerrillas, who were shot by British troops in Gibraltar, immediately blamed Protestant paramilitaries for the attack.

Police, who had deliberately kept away from the funerals, moved in to surround the cemetery and a dozen ambulances ferried the injured – including several young children hit by gunfire – to hospital.

The three dead, all men, were not immediately identified. A hospital spokeswoman said one of the injured, a woman, was in serious condition and three men were also gravely wounded.

"It's obvious it was an attack by Loyalist (Protestant) movements," Martin McGuinness, vice president of Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's legal political front, told reporters.

The explosions occurred about 15 metres away as the flag-draped coffins of Mairead Farrell, 31, Sean Savage, 24, and Daniel McCann, 30, were being lowered into a single grave. The unarmed trio were shot on March 6 while on a bombing mission in Gibraltar.

The attack was filmed by dozens of TV crews, including crews from foreign networks, covering the funerals. The Rev. Alec Reid, who was saying prayers next to the graveside as the last of the coffins draped in the Irish tricolour was being lowered, said he saw a young man attacking from the back of the crowd.

"All of a sudden there were loud bangs followed by black smoke," said Reid. "I saw a young man throwing things from the back of the mourners. I thought they were stones, but it looks as if they were grenades. He was also firing shots into the crowd.

"There was absolute chaos. People were shouting and screaming, and others were appealing for calm. I went over to help a young woman who had blood on her forehead."

In London, British officials said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was immediately informed.

A moderate Catholic legislator from Northern Ireland, Seamus Mallon of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, tried unsuccessfully to force an emergency debate on the killings in the House of Commons. "Most people will be revolted at this horrific attack," said Mallon.

Panama dissidents fail in anti-Noriega bid

PANAMA CITY (AP) – Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of Panama's capital yesterday after reports that dissident soldiers failed in an apparent attempt to seize the headquarters of the nation's military strongman, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Flaming barricades were erected across hundreds of streets throughout Panama City as public employees and private citizens sharply escalated protest demonstrations started two days ago. There was little sign of riot police or soldiers to control the protesters, in contrast to clashes between security forces and demonstrators on Tuesday.

Rumours of a coup attempt circulated after heavy gunfire was heard inside the Panama Defence Forces headquarters early yesterday morning by area residents. An hour later, Noriega appeared at the headquarters building with members of his high command, apparently still in charge.

Reporters shouted questions about what had happened, and the general responded: "What happened is that you are visiting us here." Asked about the shooting, he replied: "They were kisses."

A revolt in the military would be a serious blow to Noriega, who heads the nation's 15,000-member Defence Forces and is considered to be the real power behind Panama's civilian government. The U.S. has been exerting pressure to drive him from power. President Reagan said on Tuesday the U.S. wants Noriega "out of there," and U.S. sanctions have crippled Panama's economy.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater declined comment on the reported trouble in Panama. "I don't have any information to confirm the report," he said. "We are aware there is turmoil in the city."

The U.S. ABC television network reported that some members of the military were holding men loyal to Noriega at gunpoint inside the headquarters. It said the soldiers were from the Battalion Force 2000, a specially trained squad being prepared to protect the Panama Canal.

ABC also said that all American military personnel and their dependents have been restricted to the Canal Zone.

Officials of the Panama Canal Commission in Washington confirmed that a coup was attempted and said roads leading to the canal had been blocked. The army had closed off the entrance to a U.S. air base near the canal administrative headquarters in Balboa, on the Pacific side, they said.

Dennis McAuliffe, administrator of the commission, said he "would not regard (the blockade) as a hostile act at this moment."

Earlier yesterday, the Spanish news agency EFE reported that a group of army captains and majors, with the backing of the Air Force, took over the military barracks. EFE quoted unidentified military sources.

Two Associated Press reporters and a photographer were stopped by soldiers as they approached the headquarters, forced from their car and marched into the compound at gunpoint. As they were being held inside, they saw at least one officer with his hands behind his head being taken into a barracks behind the headquarters building. But a captain told them the apparent prisoner was simply taking part "in a simulated exercise."

Iran claims capture of Iraqi town, missile attacks go on

NICOSIA (Reuter) – Iran said its revolutionary guards seized Iraq's northeastern border town of Khormal yesterday as plane and missile attacks killed more civilians in Iranian cities.

A military communique quoted by Teheran Radio said the guards supported by helicopters overran Khormal, 10km. inside the border, after hand-to-hand battles in the mountains of Sulaymaniyah province.

It said the Iranian forces were consolidating their hold on the town of 15,000 people and "chasing the defeated enemy in the plain west of Khormal."

More than 1,100 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded, 550 taken prisoner and 250 sq. km. of territory seized in the two-pronged attack launched late on Tuesday night, it added.

The Iranian news agency Irna, monitored in Nicosia, said Iran fired four missiles before dawn and one at midday at Baghdad in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on Iranian cities.

Several Iraqi missiles slammed into Teheran and Iraqi jets bombed seven other cities and towns yesterday, killing at least 52 civilians, the agency said. Baghdad says it fired seven missiles at Teheran yesterday. Houses, public buildings and cars were damaged in the attacks and a hospital was hit in Shiraz 680km. south of Teheran, the agency added.

COMPUTERS

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Experts said other major computer manufacturers, like IBM, could not afford to be complacent as it was being shown that their systems were equally vulnerable.

Companies targeted by Chaos Computer Club hackers were unaware their systems had been tampered with until the club informed the authorities, West German and French police raided the club's offices after the revelations.

Experts at the Paris conference said Wernery had fixed a meeting with the French subsidiary of the Philips Electronic group – one of the companies penetrated by the hackers – before leaving for France.

Computer companies have also been horrified this year by the appearance of so-called "viruses," which are planted in systems and multiply themselves before eventually clogging and wiping out entire programmes.

NICARGUA

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Fitzwater said that 1,500 Nicaraguan troops were inside Honduras and that an additional 4,500 appeared to be in a staging area to cross the border.

He said the Nicaraguan troops were being backed by "strong helicopter support moving into the Bocay Valley, which is just below the Honduran border. They've established a new base for this operation."

Fitzwater told reporters that "all options are under consideration. At this moment, everything is being considered short of (U.S.) invasion."

Fitzwater commented one day after Reagan met with congressional leaders from both parties. The president failed to persuade the Democratic leaders to get behind a new package of humanitarian aid for the Contras.

Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives said they had no independent information about the extent of a Sandinista attack, although they said it was clear from intelligence reports that heavy fighting was under way. They said the White House had made no effort to brief congressional leaders on the situation.

Fitzwater said that administration officials had consulted by telephone late Tuesday with congressional leaders or their representatives.

Congressional sources, declining to be named, said at the meeting Reagan pounded the table and said, "There are some people around this table who don't seem to know who the bad guys are down there."

One senior U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the Sandinista drive appeared to be aimed at a Contra camp complex and supply depot.

If the depot is knocked out, "there will be nothing left" of the Contra war effort, the source said.

GORBACHEV

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provides Soviet ports on the Black Sea their only access to the world's oceans.

In a wide-ranging, 40-minute address to representatives of the diverse nationalities that make up the Yugoslavian state, Gorbachev acknowledged he has his own nationality problems at home but said he is determined to solve them without permitting nationalists to withdraw their homelands from the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Communist Party chief made no direct reference to recent riots in Azerbaidjan in which at least 32 people were killed in fighting between ethnic Azeris and Armenians or to mass demonstrations in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. But he said the state of relations between the more than 100 nationalities within the Soviet Union is "one of the most important and delicate issues in a multinational country such as ours."

"There are certain difficulties inherited from the past," Gorbachev said. "There are problems that emerged in the course of time prompted by changes in economic life and social relationships and in the consciousness of people," Gorbachev said. "We are determined to secure democratic solutions to these problems."

Gorbachev indirectly criticized the late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, who imposed an economic blockade on Yugoslavia after Josip Broz Tito set his own foreign policy course in 1948. The rupture "inflicted grave damage on Yugoslav-Soviet relations and ... on socialism as a whole," Gorbachev said.

KoorTrade Signed Agreement to Distribute SAUTER Products in Israel

The KoorTrade Domestic Trade Division will market and distribute all SAUTER products in Israel, according to an agreement signed recently between KoorTrade and G.L. Trade Company Ltd., the importer of SAUTER in Israel. SAUTER, manufacturer of the prestigious French stoves, is a subsidiary of the vast Thomson concern.

According to the agreement with the KoorTrade Domestic Trade Division, its subsidiary, Hossen Electrical Appliances Ltd., will be responsible for marketing some 60 SAUTER products. These will include cooking stoves, built-in ovens, burners, dishwashers, microwave ovens, cooker hoods, etc. It is reported that G.L. Trade Company Ltd., which formerly marketed and distributed Sauter products, examined other possibilities before deciding on KoorTrade.

G.L. Trade Company is owned by businessman Haim Glaser (husband of MK Miriam Glaser-Ta'asa).

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The Jewish Agency
Israel Education Fund
TENDER No. 81/701/88

1. THE JEWISH AGENCY (hereinafter the Agency) invites tenders from building contractors for the

ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB IN YUVALIM

2. Conditions of the tender, as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Thursday, March 17, 1988, from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, Room 717, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, against a non-refundable payment of NIS 150.–
3. A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1988, departing at 11 a.m. from the Community Club in Yuvalim, Misgav Regional Council.
4. Bids should be submitted not latter than 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 1988, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
5. This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance with the Act Regarding Registration of Contractors for the Execution of Engineering and Construction Works, 1969, such contractors to abide by the requirements of the Act, and to be eligible to carry out the works as specified.
6. The Agency does not undertake to accept the lowest, or any other bid. ms499.10

Theresa Ramashamole, one of six blacks to be executed tomorrow in South Africa for the mob murder of a deputy mayor in Sharpeville in 1984. UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday sent an urgent telegram to South African President P.W. Botha, asking clemency for the five condemned men and one woman, known as the 'Sharpeville Six.' The UN call for mercy was the latest in a worldwide series of clemency appeals. (AFP)

FOREIGN BRIEFS

A DOZEN TIBETANS will launch a hunger strike until death here today, the anniversary of the Dalai Lama's 1959 flight from Lhasa, as part of the struggle for independence from China, organizers said in New Delhi yesterday. Men and women volunteers will carry out the fast.

PAUL VON HEVESY, probably the last surviving diplomat of the defunct Austro-Hungarian empire, died at Kitzbuehel in the Tyrol this week at age 105, his family said. The Hungarian aristocrat represented emperor Franz-Josef at the Spanish court and in Istanbul and was ambassador in London, Berne and Buenos Aires after 1919.

BREAKDANCING has moved off the streets of New York into the dance halls of China, luring youths from their studies and upsetting authorities. The Peking Communist Party paper *The People's Daily* said yesterday that students in Harbin were cutting class to perfect breakdancing, which it called the "muscle cramp dance."

THE HAMBURGER, virtually unknown and scorned by choosy French eaters 15 years ago, became the most popular fast food served in France last year, accounting for 76 per cent of all takings from fast-food sales in 1987, according to statistics released in Paris.

New U.S. armour 'impervious' to Soviet anti-tank weapons

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The U.S. has developed a new tank armour made of "depleted" uranium which Defence Department officials claim can withstand any Soviet anti-tank weapon.

Pentagon officials estimated that it would take the Soviet Union almost a decade to duplicate the new armour plate.

The officials said on Tuesday that beginning in October new army M1 Abrams tanks would be equipped with the armour, made from a mesh of depleted uranium encased in steel. The plating is two and half times as dense as steel, the officials said.

Depleted uranium is what is left over after uranium is turned into an enriched product for weapons or nuclear reactors. Pentagon officials said there was no danger of radiation from the depleted by-product.

Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman described the plating as a "really major advance." Defence officials said the plating would withstand any current Soviet anti-tank weapons as well as those known to be under development.

But Defence Department officials admitted that Moscow would probably start developing anti-tank weapons using depleted-uranium shells.

Pentagon officials maintained that the development of the armour was in line with the U.S. strategy of countering the Warsaw Pact's numerical troop superiority with higher quality weapons.

Washington's Nato allies have expressed growing concern about the imbalance in conventional forces, particularly in the light of the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) accord eliminating Soviet and U.S. medium range missiles in Europe.

There were no details of how much the armour would add to the cost of an M1 tank which currently cost about $2.6 million each.

Bush seems assured of nomination

CHICAGO (Reuter) – Vice-President George Bush seemed assured yesterday of winning the Republican Party's nomination as presidential candidate after the latest election-year voting.

But his Democratic rivals were in confusion and conceded it might be months before they settle who is to be his challenger.

In the Illinois primary election on Tuesday, at the half-way point in the nomination battles, Bush trounced Senator Robert Dole, winning in a state where Dole once declared he would start to make a comeback.

On the Democratic side, Illinois Senator Paul Simon defeated Black leader Jesse Jackson in a contest between two home-state candidates and captured most of his Illinois party delegates. The Democrats, however, seemed further than ever from a national consensus on who will be their presidential candidate.

There was increased talk about the possibility of a deadlocked convention and a brokered choice when they meet in Atlanta in July to pick their nominee. "We're heading toward a convention where there will be no first-ballot nominee," Simon predicted after his Illinois win.

"The race is even more wide open than before," added another Democratic hopeful, Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee, who finished far back.

The 1988 election contest moved on to Michigan, where the Democrats will hold caucuses on March 26, and to subsequent primaries in Connecticut on March 29 and Wisconsin on April 5.

Bush took at least 60 of the 82 Republican delegates at stake on Tuesday. He now has more than 800 of the 1,139 delegates needed to win his party's nomination and leads Dole by nearly 600 votes.

Simon's win for the Democrats, in a state where he has held public office for nearly three decades, was a mild surprise.

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, who finished a weak third in the popular vote and failed to win a single convention delegate, said a brokered democratic convention was not inevitable.

On the Democratic side Simon had 42 per cent, Jackson 32 per cent and Dukakis 17 per cent. Gore and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt finished in single digits.

Shultz's tiger – has he, or hasn't he?

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A question that has hounded Secretary of State George Shultz for nearly two years struck again on Tuesday.

At the end of a round-table question and answer session with high school students over closed circuit television, a student asked the secretary: "Is it true that you have a Yale tiger tattooed on your rear end?"

State Department spokesman Charles Redman, who was moderating the session, appeared to be sliding off his chair, but Shultz didn't miss a step, responding that the question was "one reason why, when people have asked me if I would run for president, I have to say I couldn't possibly do it.

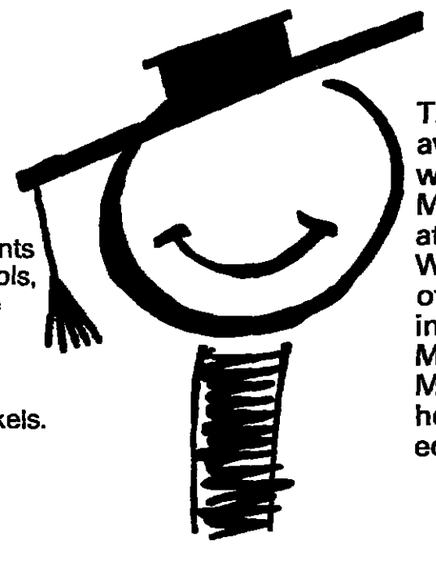
"Because I know the campaign would be dominated by an inquisition as to whether or not I do have a tiger tattooed on my rear end, and if so, what were the circumstances under which that happened.

"And I don't think it's fair to the American people to have a presidential campaign dominated by a question like that, so I'm not talking," he said.

"דלק" קרן

"DELEK" FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE

"DELEK" is today awarding scholarships and research grants to students of vocational schools, to students participating in the "PERACH" programme (tutor project), to universities and to research institutions in the amount of **360,000** New Shekels.



The scholarship and grant awarding ceremony will take place today, March 17, 1988 at 12:30 p.m., at the Weizmann Institute of Science, in G. Schmidt Hall, in the presence of the Minister of Energy and Structure, Mr. Moshe Shahal, heads of institutions of higher education and public figures.

The "DELEK" Foundation for Science, Education and Culture was set up by "DELEK," in cooperation with the Government of Israel, for the advancement of higher and vocational education.

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Arens and Eban fight Israel's internal debate on American TV

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

WASHINGTON – Political observers had widely predicted that the U.S. would confront Prime Minister Shamir over his opposition to the American peace proposals. Such a dispute is possibly taking place behind the scenes, but in the meantime it is the Israelis themselves who are providing the fireworks.

Appearing on the CBS *This Morning* show, the usually mild-mannered Moshe Arens and Abba Eban sparred on screen for several minutes yesterday, much to the bewilderment of their host, Kathleen Sullivan.

After Eban noted that the "Israeli government and the Israeli parliament" have not formally rejected the American peace plan, the former Likud defence minister lashed out at the former Labour foreign minister and present chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee for taking the "unprecedented" step of criticizing Shamir while he was holding crucial talks in Washington.

A slightly surprised Eban retorted that he had not "mentioned Shamir by name" and immediately counterattacked with the accusation that Shamir had sent Arens in May 1987 to persuade Secretary of State George Shultz not to come to the area. Arens said that the "Russians and Communist China would crucify Israel" in the international conference now proposed by Shultz.

Arens said that internal differences should not be aired here. Eban said that Shamir does not represent the government as a whole; that Labour supports the American plan.

Sullivan gave up and ended the interview.

The American viewing audience did not learn much about the Israeli positions. But they did gain first-hand knowledge of the deep gulf dividing Israeli leaders, not to mention their lack of manners.

THE RECEPTION room at the Israeli Embassy in Washington was built to accommodate 300-400 guests. So it was only natural that the embassy should invite more than 1,000 people to attend a cocktail party in honour of Shamir on Tuesday night.

The problem was, as embassy officials explained, that most of those invited had accepted. The result was a highbrow gathering that made a sardine can look like a spacious auditorium.

Shultz, former and current administration officials, senators, representatives, journalists, Jewish leaders and most of the Israelis in Washington turned up to shake Shamir's hand and bob-nob with each other. One embassy official said that the dire predictions of an American-Israeli rift during Shamir's visit were actually producing a backlash. On Tuesday night, he said, the result was that nobody wanted to stay away from the embassy, lest this be construed as a deliberate snub.

Shamir, who is not known for his appreciation of diplomatic niceties, nonetheless stood for over two hours with a fixed smile on his face, patiently acknowledging brief words of greeting and encouragement from the hundreds of guests. His wife, Shulamit, stood by his side, but her smile appeared to be slightly more genuine.

The journalists used the time to pick up useful quotes. Shamir said that, contrary to prior expectations, there "had been no American pressure." Arens and Deputy Minister Ronnie Milo said that the Jewish community was "unifying" in support of Shamir and Israel. They also said that the expected confrontation with the Americans had yet to materialize, but they were careful to reserve final judgment until the visit to Washington and yesterday's meeting with President Reagan were over.

Representative Joseph Kennedy, the latest-elected scion of the Kennedy family, said that "there has been a demonstration by the prime minister that he's willing to talk."

Others were less appreciative of the prime minister's position, but felt that the embassy event, which was meant to demonstrate support for him, was not the right forum to air their grievances.

Some said that the reception had actually been arranged in honour of Shamir's media adviser, Avi Pazner. Pazner, who served in Washington for eight years, is a popular figure in the U.S. capital. He was besieged by hundreds of acquaintances.

Shamir was on the receiving end of cool and polite handshakes. Pazner was smothered with hugs and kisses.

(Richard Nowitz)

Public wrath over incorrect weather forecasts is a very cloudy situation

By LEA LEVAVI /Jerusalem Post Reporter

The public's wrath over incorrect weather forecasts is proof that today's forecasting is generally reliable, a Tel Aviv University geophysicist, Dr. Pinhas Alpert, said this week.

"If people didn't expect the forecast to be right on the basis of their day-to-day experience, they wouldn't get so angry when the weatherman is wrong," Albert told an audience on the campus on Tuesday.

"In the last few years, forecasting in Israel has taken a significant leap forward; 10 or 15 years ago, forecasters didn't dare predict the weather four or five days ahead."

The title of Albert's lecture was, "Why the forecasters make mistakes," and he offered several reasons.

One is a breakdown in communications between the forecaster and the public. For the forecaster, the word "fair" means below a certain level of clouds; it has nothing to do with temperature or wind. Forecasts of alternative ways in which a given weather situation may develop in the coming hours or days are not broadcast, so the public – given only one forecast they don't completely understand – have only part of the picture.

Another explanation concerns the mathematical models and physical assumptions the computers grind out. Israeli forecasters, who have limited computer capability at their own weather centre, also get synoptic maps from the British, European and German weather centres. However, these computers don't always agree with each other, because of differences in the models used.

Furthermore, the Mediterranean is a difficult area for forecasting, because the sea and the region's topography create variables that existing models still cannot deal with thoroughly.

Finally, Albert said, there is the meteorologists' interpretation of the data. "You have probably forgotten November 2, 1986, the first rainy day of the season, when Tel Aviv was paralyzed after a fine day had been forecast. That was an error of interpretation over which we are still agonizing."

He mentioned that some of the world's large weather centres have hundreds of PhDs on their staff, and someone asked about the calibre of Israeli meteorologists. Albert replied that it had been found in the IDF that, after taking a course for a few months, 18-year-old female soldiers with a high-school science background could do the job as well as, and in some cases better than, mathematics and physics graduates.

Albert added, however, that if Israel's meteorological centre didn't buy faster and more powerful computers, the improvements in forecasting that current research was expected to provide would not be registered here.

Evert, others back out of tennis classic

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital has cancelled its "American-Israeli Friendship Tennis Classic," scheduled for May as a star-studded fundraiser, because most of the participants, including Chris Evert, have backed out following the unrest in the territories.

Morris Talansky, executive vice-president of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek, wrote a letter this week informing all concerned of the cancellation. He said he had been notified by Evert's manager, Robert Kain, that he was very distressed by local developments,and that Evert, "due to the situation in Israel, will not go to Israel at this time."

Talansky also wrote that he could not get insurance for the tennis stars and movie and TV personalities, as required by their agents, because of the situation.

Shaare Zedek had originally hoped to get 300 to 400 wealthy and well-known people to take part in the event, including John Forsythe and Linda Evans of TV's Dynasty. Participants were to have been flown here on a jumbo, and Chris Evert and Brad Gilbert were to have played against Amos Mansdorf and Shlomo Glickstein at Jerusalem's Tennis Centre.

Participants were promised a "tennis clinic" to be run by the experts during the week-long event.

The hospital itself invested heavily in preparing for the event, and was about to send an album to 50,000 donors and potential donors abroad. Now all that has gone down the drain.

Shamir reassures U.S. Jewish legislators

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON – Visiting Prime Minister Shamir appears to have reassured a group of Jewish senators and representatives about his fundamental commitment to an Arab-Israeli peace process.

During a meeting at the Israeli Embassy Tuesday evening, Shamir repeatedly said he would be prepared to negotiate directly with the Arab states without any preconditions. The Arabs, he said, could put any proposal, including one calling on Israel to exchange land for peace, on the table.

The closed-door 90-minute session, which followed a huge embassy reception in the prime minister's honour hosted by Ambassador Moshe Arad, was described as unusually "productive." It reportedly did much to clear the air between Shamir and the legislators.

Shamir, joined by Arad, MK Moshe Arens, Ambassador to the UN Binyamin Netanyahu, and other aides, was both warmly praised and politely criticized during the session. The prime minister again underlined his opposition to an international peace conference including the five permament members of the UN Security Council.

For the most part, the legislators, all supportive of Israel, urged Shamir to project as flexible a position as possible so that Israel would not be blamed for any collapse of the peace process. They emphasized that the three months of disturbances in the West Bank and Gaza had already severely damaged Israel's image in Congress and among the American public at large.

"Israel is coming across as the rejectionist party," one congressman said. "But, I must say, Shamir did rather well. It was an honest dialogue. People said exactly what was on their mind. In my opinion, it was the most productive, most sensitive type of session we have had with a prime minister."

According to several people present, congressmen criticizing various aspects of Shamir's policy included Democrats Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Sam Gejdensen of Connecticut, Ted Weiss of New York, Dan Glickman of Kansas and Howard Wolpe of Michigan.

Among those basically supporting Shamir were Democrats Tom Lantos of California and Charles Schumer of New York, and Republicans Bill Green and Benjamin Gilman of New York.

Republican Senator Chic Hecht of Nevada, who also attended the session, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had given Shamir a copy of a letter that he and eight other conservative senators had sent earlier in the week to Secretary of State George Shultz. The letter urged Shultz not to pressure Israel into trading land for peace.

"Shamir is the democratically elected prime minister of Israel," Hecht said yesterday. "We should not interfere."

Hecht, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, added: "I spoke up very firmly for Shamir."

Several congressmen said Shamir asked Netanyahu and Arens to answer some of the questions raised at the meeting. Arens and Netanyahu are generally highly regarded among officials and legislators in Washington.

At the same time, however, some of the lawmakers came away from the meeting disappointed that Shamir had been unable to put forward a specific vision for an Arab-Israeli settlement. The prime minister basically shied away from answering questions connected with that, and simply restated his support for direct negotiations and the Camp David accords.

Kollek blasts ministry over long delay in development of housing for Arabs

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek has publicly criticized the Interior Ministry's long delay of a massive Arab housing development plan in the north Jerusalem neighbourhoods of Shuafat and Beit Hanina.

Kollek, in a letter to Interior Ministry District Commissioner Eli Suissa, rebuked Suissa for allowing the project to remain stalled despite promises that it would proceed to the District Planning and Building Commission for approval.

Kollek also suggested that further delays would create added Arab-Jewish tensions in the city, for which Suissa could be held responsible.

"...In light of the promises that were made on this issue, this position could be interpreted ...as stemming from a policy of punishment. This kind of stance, on your part and by the committee, adds to the existing tensions.. I very much request you to act without delay, to approve the plans described here, and not to take upon yourself responsibility for results, heaven forbid, that could be caused by your stance."

Kollek said that in a recent meeting of city and district commission officials, ways of reducing Arab-Jewish tensions in the city were discussed.

"We can't satisfy ourselves with enforcement actions by the police, but must act positively on other issues," wrote Kollek.

"...Among those [subjects discussed] was the problem that the District Planning and Building Commission, which you chair, still hasn't approved the north Jerusalem development plan.

"In addition, there are the difficulties that the committee has imposed on the approval of developments in Beit Safafa, making them conditional on the building of a major highway through the village, a highway that the village opposes. I, moreover, don't see a budget to build it for many years.

"These facts add to the tensions," Kollek added. "It's unimaginable to not allow Arab residents to build on private land belonging to them, a restriction continuing since 1967."

In a written response to the city, Suissa reportedly said that he will speed up the process, and soon bring the north Jerusalem plan to the District Planning Commission.

Interior Ministry officials have delayed the plans for nearly three years for a variety of reasons, including the trial of former district commissioner Rafi Levy, who was accused of taking bribes from an Arab developer who tried to push ahead a development in one area of north Jerusalem, before the overall plan was approved.

But trial records and private comments by Interior Ministry officials have suggested that the real reason behind the delays is a fear among ministry officials that creation of new housing units will tip Jerusalem's demographic balance more in favour of the Arabs.

As a result, the Interior Ministry has pressed to reduce the number of units in the north Jerusalem plan from 10,000 to 6,000, a move opposed by the city. Top officials in the Interior Ministry, in turn, have delayed consideration of the plan before the District Planning Commission.

Only one large-scale housing development for Arabs, consisting of some 200 units, has been permitted in the Arab neighbourhoods of Jerusalem since 1967. Meanwhile, some 27,000 new units have been built in new Jewish neighbourhoods across the 1967 borders.

Aluf Laner, 65

Jerusalem Post Staff

Aluf Dan Laner, former OC Armoured Forces in Sinai, died yesterday of a heart attack at his home in the Galilee kibbutz Neot Mordechai. He was 65. The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. today at the kibbutz.

A strong supporter of settlement in the West Bank and the Golan Heights, Laner nevertheless opposed the extension of Israeli law to the Golan, and in 1981 urged restraint in the face of the placing of Syrian missiles in Lebanon.

Border Policeman faces trial for treatment of Beduin

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA – An officer of the Border Police's Special War on Terrorism unit is to stand trial on charges that he spat on, cursed and struck several Beduin just before participating in the rescue of hostages in the Negev bus attack by PLO terrorists earlier this month, SWT officials confirmed yesterday.

According to Salem Abu Rabia, 31, a high school teacher in the town of Rahat and a graduate student at Ben-Gurion University here, the incident occurred on the Rahat-Beersheba highway after a Border Police vehicle overtook the Volkswagen mini-bus in which Abu Rabia and a number of others were riding.

"As they passed, the soldiers inside the car spat at us," Abu Rabia told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "We were taken aback and pulled the car over to the side of the road. The soldiers then stopped and ran directly towards us, not even stopping to open the door but pulling our heads out through the windows, beating us with their fists and slapping us, yelling 'filthy Arabs.'"

The entire incident did not last more than a minute, he said.

Responding to Abu Rabia's account, Border Police spokesman Gabi Vaksberg said, "The SWT personnel found themselves behind a vehicle belonging to Beduin who did not respond to their siren and did not pull to the side and slow down to allow them to overtake. The SWT personnel were certain that the [Beduin] driver was ignoring them, despite the fact that he saw them in his rear-view mirror.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

8.00 Teletext **8.05** Keep Fit **8.40** *No Secrets – first reading* **9.00** Geography **9.20** Sciences **10.10** English **10.30** Programme about Pessah **11.00** English **11.15** Spoken Arabic **11.30** English **12.00** Sciences **12.25** English **13.00** History **14.00** Teletext **14.05** No Secrets **14.30** Family Problems **15.10** Rehov Sumsum **15.40** Keep Fit **15.50** Teletext **15.55** "The Kingdom of the Ice Bear," 3-part documentary about white bears **17.00** A New Evening

ISRAEL TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 Animation **18.00** David Copperfield (part 6)

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:

18.30 News roundup **18.32** Family Magazine **19.00** *Meeting – current affairs* **19.30** *News*

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at

20.00 Mabat Newsreel **20.02** Mabat Sport **20.55** Language Corner **21.00** Mabat newsreel **21.35** Night Court **22.00** Breaking Silence - documentary **22.55** Matlock **23.45** News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2

18.30 Kimba - the White Lion **19.00** The Red Sea – Israeli and Beduin fishermen meet in Sinai **20.00** L'Aventure de l'Art Moderne **21.00** *Pop 2*

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Documentary **22.00** News in English **22.20** Feature film

MIDDLE EAST TV

13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** *Muppet Babies* **15.30** *Flying House* **16.00** Fraggle Rock **16.30** Afternoon Movie:"Blackbeard the Pirate" stars Robert Newton and Linda Darnell **18.30** The Facts of Life **19.00** News **20.00** Scarecrow and Mrs. King **21.00** Highway to Heaven **22.00** Moonlighting **23.00** 700 Club **23.30** Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6.01 Morning Melodies **7.09** Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations; Arensky: Egyptian Nights; Rimsky-Korsakov: Sheherazade **9.00** Mozart: Symphony No.36; Piano Concerto No.15; Brahms: 2 Choral Preludes; Lalo: Symphonie espagnole; Elgar: Falstaff; Walton: Belshazzar's Feast **12.00** Haydn: String Quartet Op. 103; Beethoven: Sonata No.3 for Cello and Piano; Hindemith: Sonata for Horn and Piano **13.05** Handel: Concerto Grosso Op.6 No.9; Mozart: Serenade No.10 for 13 Wind Instruments; Rodrigo: Fatasia para une Gentilhombre; Weber: Symphony No.1 **15.00** Musical Encounters **16.00** Natasha Tadson, piano – works by Bach, Shostakovich and Chopin **17.30** Range of Sounds **18.00** Music Anthology **19.00** Light Classical Music **20.05** Musical Medley **20.30** Opera – Verdi: "Un giorno di Regno" **23.00** Golden Generation – Leon Goossens, oboe - works by Bach, Mozart, Schumann and others

RADIO 1st

6.03 Programmes for Olim **7.30** Programme in Easy Hebrew **8.05** Compass **9.05** Information for Listeners **10.05** Israeli Songs and Dances **11.05** Morning Pearls **12.05** Mideast Medley **13.00** News in English **13.30** News in French **14.06** Youth Magazine **15.30** Everyman's University **16.05** An Unknown Land **17.00** News in English **17.05** News in French **17.10** Songs for the Afternoon **18.06** Jewish Tradition **19.20** Bible Readings **19.30** Programmes for Olim **22.05** I Have a Dream

RADIO 2nd

6.04 Editorial Review **6.10** Gymnastics **6.30** News roundup **6.52** Green Light – drivers' corner **7.00** This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Making an Issue **9.05** House Call with Rivka Michaeli **13.00** Midday – news commentary **14.06** Arts and Culture magazine **14.30** Humour **15.05** Songs and Homework **16.06** Economics Magazine **17.05** Magic Moments **18.06** Spotlight **19.00** Today – radio newreel **19.35** Hebrew songs **20.05** Folklore Magazine **22.30** The Fifth Night **00.15** Songs for the End of the Day

ARMY

6.06 University on the Air **6.30** Open Your Eyes – songs, information **7.07** "707" **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** In the Morning **10.05** Hebrew songs **11.05** Right Now **13.05** Daily Music **14.05** Daily Meeting **15.05** Festival songs **16.05** Four in the Afternoon **17.00** Evening Newsreel **18.05** Economic Magazine **19.05** Army and Defence Magazine (repeat) **20.05** Music College **21.00** Mabat – TV newsreel **21.30** University on the Air **22.05** Popular songs **23.05** The 24th Hour **00.05** Night Birds – songs, chat

ARMY TWO

19.05 Radio Radio **20.05** Emergency Call-Up **22.05** Coffee Break **23.05** All that Jazz

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CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM

Beit Agron: Rebel Without a Cause, 6; Catch 22, 8 and 12 midnight; Zelig 10:15. **Cinematheque:** Almonds and Raisins 4:30; East of Eden 7; Short Israeli Films 9; Rita, Sue and Bob, Too 9:30; Phantom of Paradise 12 midnight. **Eden:** Like Father Like Son 4:30, 7, 9. **Edison:** Cry Freedom 5:45, 9. **Jerusalem Theatre:** Hope and Glory 7, 9:30. **Kfir:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Mitchell:** Big Town 7, 9. **Orgil:** Stakeout 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orion Or 1:** Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orion Or 2:** Manon 4:30, 7:45, 9:15. **Orion Or 3:** Jean de Florette 4:30, 6:45, 9:15. **Orion Or 4:** Streetwise 4:30, 6:45, 8:45. **Orion Or 5:** Joshua,Joshua 4:30, 6:45, 8:45. **Orna:** Night on the Town 4:30, 7, 9. **Ron:** Suspect 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Semadar:** Working Girls 7, 9:15.

TEL AVIV

Ben-Yehuda: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Chen 2:** The Pickup Artist 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 3:** Can't Buy Me Love 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 4:** Inner Space 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 5:** A Hazard of Hearts 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Dekel:** Suspect 7, 9:30. **Dizengoff I:** Jean de Florette 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45. **Dizengoff II:** Maurice 11 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 9:45. **Dizengoff III:** Hope and Glory 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45, 12:15. **Drive-In:** No Way Out 7:15, 9:30. **Esther:** Like Father Like Son 5, 7:30, 9:40. **Gat:** The Last Emperor 6, 9. **Hakolonoa ZOA House:** 84 Charing Cross Road, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30; Straw Dogs 11:45 p.m. **Hod:** Big Town 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Lev I:** Le Grand Chemin 2, 5, 7:40, 9:55. **Lev II:** Wings of Desire 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. **Lev III:** The Return of Martin Guerre 2, 9:50.; The Beekeeper 5, 7:30. **Lev IV:** Tampopo 2, 7:40; Working Girls 5, 10. **Limor Hamehudash:** No Way Out 4:30, 7, 9:30; Crimes of Passion 12 midnight. **Moadim:** Barfly 4, 7:15, 9:15. **New Gordon:** The Beauty of Sin 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. **Orly:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Peer:** Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 5, 7:30, 9:30. Cry Freedom 5:45, 9:15. **Sivan:** Withnail and I 5, 7:30, 9:40. **Tamuz:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 7, 9:30. **Tchelet:** Weeds 5, 7:25, 9:45. **Tel Aviv:** Still Justice 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Tel Aviv Cinematheque:** Passport 10:15, 10:45. **Tel Aviv Museum:** Black Eyes 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Zafon:** Manon 4:30, 7, 9:30.

HAIFA

Atzmon 1: Fatal Attraction 4:15, 6:45, 9. **Atzmon 2:** Made in Heaven 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Atzmon 3:** Hamburger Hill 4:30, 6:45, 9:10. **Chen Hamehudash:** Like Father Like Son 4:30, 6:45, 9. **Keren Or Hamehudash:** Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orah:** Big Town 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orly:** Beauty of Sin 6:45, 9. **Peer:** Burglar 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Rav Gat 1:** Suspect 4, 6:30, 9. **Rav Gat 2:** The Last Emperor 6, 8:15. **Ron:** Cry Freedom 6, 9. **Shavit:** Maurice 6:45, 9:15.

RAMAT GAN

Lily: Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Oasis:** Nadine 7:30, 9:45. **Ordan:** Cry Freedom 6:30, 9:15. **Rav Gan 1:** Stakeout 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Rav Gan 2:** No Way Out 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Rav Gan 3:** Dirty Dancing 5, 7:25, 9:55. **Rav Gan 4:** The Last Emperor 6, 9.

HERZLIYA

Dan Accadia Cinema Club: It's September 7, 9:30. **Daniel Hotel Auditorium:** Wings of Desire 7, 9:30. **David:** Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. **Hechal:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **New Tiferet:** Night on the Town 7:15, 9:15.

HOLON

Armon Hamehudash: Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 5, 7:30, 9:30. **Migdal:** The Last Emperor 6, 9. **Savoy:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30.

BAT YAM

Atzmaut: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30.

GIVATAYIM

Hadar: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON

Kochav: The Black Stallion 4:15; Mannequin 7; The Name of the Rose 9:30.

KIRYAT ONO

Community Centre: Wish You Were Here 6:30, 9.

PETAH TIKVA

G.G.Hechal 1: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **G.G.Hechal 2:** Cry Freedom 6:30, 9. **G.G.Hechal 3:** Spaceballs 5, 7:15, 9:30.

RISHON LEZION

G.G.Ron 1: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **G.G.Ron 2:** Death Wish IV 7:15, 9:30.

NETANYA

Studio Netanya: Le Grand Chemin 5, 7, 9:15.

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Learning how to handle divorce

Bradley Burston

SOME MONTHS AGO, a typographical error in a *Yediot Aharonot* article yielded the headline, "4,500 divorces in Israel last year, 2,500 marriages."

Reflecting, perhaps, something of the extent of public awareness and anxiety over the increasing prevalence of divorce in the Jewish state, the figures were widely accepted as accurate, and discussed at some length by breakfast-programme radio commentators. One of them suggested that Israel had finally managed to reproduce an element of the vaunted California lifestyle.

Later the same day, when revised editions showed that the marriage figures were actually 10 times those originally printed, commentators were still expressing alarm over the divorce rate.

"When I was little," said an afternoon dis-jockey on Israel Radio, "I was told that some people got divorced, just like some people got rare diseases, but I shouldn't worry; it didn't happen to people like us."

The image of a curse that strikes some and spares others notwithstanding, Dr. Solly Dreman, of Ben-Gurion University's Bandy-Steiner Centre for single- parent families, maintains that divorce is one of a range of "normative life crises" – changes that affect all families, without exception.

"Every change in the family requires coping and adjustment. When you have a baby, or when younger children become adolescents, or when older children leave the house and there's the phenomenon of the 'empty nest,' everybody has to adjust.

"All these are normative life crises," Dreman says, "and in the 20th twentieth century, divorce has certainly become one also."

DREMAN'S CENTRE, affiliated with the university's faculty of humanities and social science, pioneered single-parent research and counselling in Israel. Charged with maintaining a front of strength and competence, does the Israeli single parent feel a certain stigma in obtaining professional counselling?

"It depends how you approach it," Dreman observes. "People don't like the idea of going to a mental-health clinic or to welfare offices. But if they come to a university for a workshop, it has an entirely-different colour."

For several years, 12-session workshops at the Ben-Gurion facility have offered an avenue for reticent single parents to seek help and support.

"This is also the way we see ourselves, as educators and facilitators rather than as therapists. In fact, our purpose is to provide education for educators, to help teach parents what to do and what not to do with their children – as well as with themselves, of course."

WHEN THE APPROACH succeeds, Dreman continues, there may be no need to bring the children in to therapy or the weekend parent-child retreats the centre conducts.

"It's a way of not making the child feel that he's a special case. If he doesn't have to come in for counselling, I personally prefer that."

For the parents, on the other hand, the group provides support, as well as sometimes surprising insights.

A common topic in the group discussions is the "bad, mad and sad syndrome" prevalent among divorced persons.

"Many people, when they get divorced, think they're bad people. They are, of course, very angry, but they are also very sad. Their self-worth goes down, and they tend to be counter-productive.

"They may give up their mandate to be a parent by giving in to their children, and give up their mandate to be an adult by giving up adult relations, including sexual relations, because they feel they've got to spend all their time with the children.

"When they come to the group, they see that the other people there are normal people, intelligent people, nice-looking people, good people."

But the 12-session workshops are by no means a substitute for ongoing therapy.

"We've limited the participants' groups to one workshop for just this reason. We want to give these people information, as well as help them with some of the focal emotional problems of single-parenting that cause them to be 'stuck' – problems of separation, lack of assertiveness."

Participants are encouraged at the close of the workshops to form their own self-help group, with centre staff, notably Dr. Emda Orr (acting director during Dreman's sabbatical year at Hebrew University's psychology department) available as resource people.

ACCORDING TO Dreman, one of the typical problems of single parents is a response common to all normative life crises – an attempt to hold on to the past.

"Just as you treat your adolescent children as though they were little children, or treat your wife as if she's your mother, or when there's a first baby in the house, a husband may continue to act as if he were an only son.

Solly Dreman

"In divorce, too, when someone leaves the house, one of the children often tries to take on the role of the missing parent, in order to maintain the former two-parent system. The mother, for her part, may say to a son, 'You're the man of the house now,' or even, 'Tell me what to do.'

In the short run, this form of coping mechanism may be all right, Dreman notes. But in the long run, it can have serious consequences. In the case of the "parental child" in a divorce, the child loses his own childhood. He has to give up his own needs in order to take care of mother and the other kids.

"And the mother, if she now treats her son as if he were her ex-husband, won't go through the necessary adaptation to her new situation. If she gives the role of the father wholesale to the kid, nothing happens to her. She won't develop new roles for herself, go through necessary internal transitions, or develop a new social life for herself.

"And this is where a normative life-crisis can turn into great difficulties in adaptation, and even into pathology."

THOUGH MOTHERS in general represent the vast majority of custodial parents (in Israel, close to the worldwide average, mothers with custody outnumber fathers with custody by approximately 20-1), the Bandy-Steiner Centre is currently doing a large-scale research study on Israeli custodial fathers.

For the purpose of the study, custodial fathers were divided into three groups: men who had battled with their ex-wives for custody; men who had won custody through negotiation; and men who had custody thrust on them through abandonment or other circumstances.

The study will measure the extent to which the fathers believe themselves to be competent, and compare their self-assessment with their children's view of them as fathers.

In some cases, the custodial parent may incite the children against the other parent, a process that can border on brainwashing, observing that "in some enlightened courts in the U.S. today, custody is often given to the parent who will most encourage contact with the other parent."

Some years ago, many child psychologists considered a custodial parent's decision to forbid or severely limit contact with the other parent to be in the child's best interest.

"This is a thesis that is totally unacceptable to the modern social scientist and the modern legislator," Dreman asserts. "More and more, in the case of divorce, cooperation between the parents is seen as being paramount to the health of the child. Much research has shown that the child that adjusts best is the child with flexible, open access to both parents.

"When you deny that, there's usually a problem. Half the child's identity goes out the window when he doesn't see the other parent."

ONE OUTGROWTH of weekend visitation arrangements may be the not uncommon phenomenon of the "Disneyland father," (locally, *aba shel kef*), who provides an anything-goes, amusement park atmosphere during the limited hours spent with the child.

"Whether the non-custodial parent is a father or mother makes no difference," says Dreman, "though statistically, it's usually the father. The practice is very common, and can be very counter-productive.

"In the first place, you can't be a social director all your life. The children get tired of it, and they are not exposed to a real father.

"Secondly, it's going to undermine the mother's attempts to discipline the child. The kid will come to her and say, 'You're a witch. He doesn't make me do anything like that.' "

THE STAGES of responding to a divorce often bear a striking similarity to reactions to the death of a loved one, he continues.

"The first stages can be denial, depression, then anger. We advise parents in this situation, don't fight for custody in the depression stage. Wait, if you can, for the anger."

Maccabi show their quality

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Tel Aviv were full of genuine character when they resisted everything — including coins and other missiles from the crowd – which the French champions Orthez could throw at them, to win their critical European Cup game 91-82 in southern France last night.

As a result of last night's win, the Israeli champions now only need to win their last game at home against Partizan Belgrade to earn another shot against the Yugoslavs in the semi-finals in Ghent on April 5th.

Any Maccabi player or supporter who imagined that last night's encounter in the coverted produce market hall in the small market town at the foot of the Pyrenees would be a walkover was in for a rude shock. Although Orthez were missing two of their big men because of injury, they fought tenaciously.

Maccabi at first seemed unable to exploit their height advantage and to make it a telling factor under the boards; there were all too many turnovers and too much slipshod passing. But sterling individual efforts, notably by Ken Barlow and Willy Sims, more than made up for these inadequacies. Except for a few minutes in the second half, when Mottie Daniel substituted for Jamchee, Maccabi played throughout with the same starting five – Magee, Barlow, Jamchee, Sims and Lippin.

The first half was a ding-dong battle with Maccabi maintaining a miniscule lead throughout. It was rarely more than a point or two. Then, with under two minutes to go there was a sudden spurt and Maccabi established their biggest lead of the game so far, five points: they retained this advantage until the half at 41-36.

Notching up eight points in quick fashion at the start of the second half, Maccabi maintained their now relatively comfortable lead.

Key factors were Chen Lippin, who put up a marvellous performance as point guard, and Willy Sims, who again fully justified the new confidence Ralph Klein has shown in him, with another display of high commitment and tigrish defence. He was instrumental in containing one of Orthez's major potential threats, Howard Carter, whom he restricted to a paltry four points in the first half and only a handful more thereafter.

Barlow was terrific and Jamchee, injured, a hero. As Barlow continued to pile up the points, Jamchee bravely shrugging off the impact of a nagging muscle strain, suddenly ignited with two precious three- pointers which seemed to sink the French ambitions as effectively as bright sunshine melts snow. Maccabi's lead now strechad midway through the half to 12 points at 65-53.

The home team's frustrations mounted as did those of the crowd. Tempers rose. They were clamped down upon by some admirable officiating by the Belgian and Swedish referees.

Some efficient scoring, mainly byBarlow (34 points) and Jamchee (27 points), enabled Maccabi to coast home joyously, en route to what they hope will be a triumphant conclusion against the tournament favourites in a week's time.

In Holland, Aris Salonika, as usual spearheaded by remarkable Nick Gallis, beat Nashua Den Bosch 88-87. Gallis scored 38 points.

Indian Govt. OKs team's coming

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV – Led by veteran tennis wizard Vijay Amritraj, the Indian Davis Cup team is due here on April 1 for its World Group relegation playoff at Ramat Hasharon, the All-India Tennis Association announced yesterday, via the International Tennis Federation.

The announcement ends weeks of doubt regarding the willingness of the Indian government to allow their team to play in Israel from April 7- 9 as scheduled. Expressing apprehension about coming here because of the unrest in the occupied territories, the Indian Association first suggested switching the match to a a neutral venue. But both the International Federation and Israel rejected the call out of hand. Then, India finally agreed to play at Ramat Hasharon, after accepting assurances from the ITA about the security of their team.

Last week, however, there was another "hiccup," when the Indian Association announced that they were still awaiting their government's approval for their trip. Yesterday's message indicates that the approval was forthcoming.

Uri's leg - a problem

Post Sports Staff

Dr Mark Rosnovsky, team physician for the national soccer team, has a dilemma – inject or not. His patient is Uri Malmillian, Israel's magical mid-fielder who has again been having trouble with a calf muscle.

Malmillian is desperately needed for Sunday's all-important return match against Australia in Christchurch: whether he is 100 per cent fit or not affects all calculations in preparation for the match. Yesterday, as the squad got back to the business of serious training – with two very intensive work-outs in Sydney – Malmillian watched from the sidelines, while Rosnovsky debated with himself.

His problem, as all sports medicine practioners know all too well, is that, if he does administer the pain-killer, he could help the player in the short run but could be putting him out for a longer period if the injury doesn't heal completely. And, even if Uri is able to weave his magic on Sunday in a way that helps Israel to win then, he will still be needed for next Wednesday's game against New Zealand and the finale against Taiwan on Sunday week.

One thing was made absolutely plain yesterday by coach Miljenko Mihic – this time he will not rely on Malmillian's own judgment whether or not he should play. Uri has a habit of pronouncing himself fit or not. "For Sunday's crunch match, only I will decide if he plays or not" Mihic ruled. He also stressed that Ronnie Rosenthal (who was scheduled to play for Bruges in Belgium last night against Panaithnaikos in the UEFA Cup) will be in the line-up, "even if he arrives half-an-hour before kick-off."

Bad boy Botham

PERTH, Australia (AP) – English test cricketer Ian Botham was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after an alleged incident on a flight to Perth from Brisbane yesterday, Australian federal police said.

Botham, a member of the Queensland cricket team in Perth to meet Western Australia in the final of the domestic Sheffield Shield competition, could also face disciplinary action by the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA).

He was expected to be released on bail from East Perth police station later yesterday, Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

Police said the two assault charges were under the Crimes Act and the disorderly conduct charge was under Australian Air Navigation Act regulations.

AAP reported that Botham had been taken to federal police headquarters in Perth for questioning.

Geoffrey Court, state manager of the domestic Ansett airlines, said several passengers complained about the behaviour of the Queensland cricket team and that the complaints were forwarded to federal police.

Botham and Queensland Captain Allan Border both refused to comment on the incident.

"I am very surprised that it has gone this far," Border said. "We will inform the players, but I don't want them worrying about it. They have enough on their minds. Ian has taken it fairly hard."

Grand Prix tennis

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (AP) – Third-seeded Miloslav Mecir had difficulty surviving a challenge by qualifier Gerry Bezecny, 24, ranked No. 418, winining with difficulty 5-7,6-4,6-4in the $2.1 m. Lipton International Players Championship.

Other winners in the men's singles were second-seeded Jimmy Connors, No. 5 Andres Gomez, No. 7 Anders Jarryd. Among the women, No. 4 Hana Mandlikova and No. 5 Helena Sukova also won, but No. 11 Sandra Cecchini of Italy lost to Patricia Tarabini of Argentina 6-2, 6-4. Tarabini is ranked No. 61.

NBA – Tuesday's games: Boston Celtics 119, Indiana 113; Atlanta 104, Philadelphia 90; Chicago 108, Cleveland 89; Milwaukee 108, Sacramento 97; Houston 116, LA Clippers 110; Phoenix 111, Seattle 90; Portland 112, LA Lakers 95.

EUROPEAN SOCCER – Eli Ohana took Mechelen through to the next round of the European Cup-winners Cup by scoring a goal in the 29th. minute against Dinamo Minsk in Minsk. Although the Russians equalised, Mechelen go through 2-1 on aggregate. Marseilles France beat Rovaniemen Finland 3-0 and go through 4-0 on aggregate. UEFA Cup – Espanol Spain drew 0-0 with Vitkovice and go thorugh 2-0. Bruges Belgium beat Panathinaikos Athens 1-0 and go thorugh 3-2 on aggregate. Werder Bremen 1, Verona 1 – Werner Bremen go thorugh 2-1 on aggregate. European Cup – Anderlecht beat Benefico 1-0 – Benefico go through 2-1 on aggregate. Ajax Amsterdam beat Young Boys Berne 1-0 and go through 2-0 on aggregate. Real Madrid led 2-0 against Bayern Munich 15 minutes into the second half - they are behind 2-3 from the first leg in Germany.

NHL – Tuesday's games: Calgary 8, Hartford 6; NY Rangers 3, Philadelphia 1; Quebec 3, Toronto 2; (OT)St. Louis 7, Chicago 7; Edmonton 6, Buffalo 4.

CRICKET – New Zealand, led by a century from captain John Wright, won the third one-day international against England by seven wickets in Napier yesterday.

England were all out in the 48th over for 219, despite a valiant century by Chris Broad, after being sent in to bat by Wright.

SCORE: England 219 (C. Broad 106). New Zealand 220 for three wickets (J. Wright 101, M. Greatbatch 64 not out).

The West Indies won their 2nd one-day international against Pakistan by five wickets, the Pakistanis (papart from Imram Khan, 53) crumbling before the fast bowling of new find Curtly Ambrose and Winston Benjamin.

Pakistan 166/9. W.I. 167 for 5.

Swim record

WORLD RECORD – Soviet swimmer Igor Polyanski on Tuesday set a world record of 55.17 seconds for the men's 100-metre backstroke. Polyanski, taking part in a match between Soviet and East German swimmers in Tallinn, USSR beat the previous record held since August, 1983, by American Rick Carey by 2/100ths of a second.

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1.Mac Haifa v Bet Tel Aviv	1	12
2.Shimshon v Bet J'lm	X	1X2
3.Hap PT v Hap Holon	1	1
4.Mac PT v Bnei Yehuda	2	2
5.Hap B'Sheba v Hap J'lm	1	1X
6.Mac Netanya v Mac TA	1	12
7.Hap TA v Hap Haifa	1	1
8.Hap Kfar Sava v Hap Lod	1	1
9.Mac R. Amidar v Hakoach	X	X
10.Hap Hadera v Mac Yavne	1	1X
11.Hap Acre v Hap Bat Yam	X	X
12.Hap Tiberias v Mac Jaffa	1	1
13.Mac Sha'arayim v Hap Ramat Gan	1	1
14.Hap Yehud v Bet Netanya	1	1

Scattered harvest

THERE & THEN / Sraya Shapiro

AREN'T WE ALL victims of fads decreed by convention? People may acquire the most absurd notions – political or personal – in their endeavour to align with the patterns set by the ruling clique, even when the model goes against natural inclinations, against simple good sense.

Psychotherapist Anna Maria Jokl once examined the case of a young Jew who spent part of the war in an underground shelter, as well as that of the son of a Nazi intellectual who was educated to serve in the SS but was still too young to join up when the war ended.

Both young men showed remarkable progress in their early careers, but were suddenly afflicted with inexplicable despondency. Jokl, who was then practising in Berlin, found that the Jew had been subconsciously affected by the Nazi doctrine that Jews were vermin, while the German was convinced that because he was a Teuton, he was doomed to behave the Nazi way, although he hated it.

With patience and persuasion, the therapist succeeded in restoring both young men to normality. The study was first published years ago in *Molad*, the Hebrew monthly which unfortunately folded because of mounting production costs.

JOKL, WHO NOW lives in Jerusalem, turned to psychotherapy after long intellectual battles, due mainly to Hitler.

"I really had six lives, starting every time from scratch," she reflects. She was born in Vienna and went to school there, but in 1928 followed her mother to Berlin. The German capital was sparkling with culture and ideas, but it all came to an end when Hitler came to power. "I took refuge in Prague, with 10 marks in my pocket," she says. "Everything that was achieved in Berlin was wiped out."

Still, Prague was a good place to be, even without money. "All the immigrants were one family, and the Czechs were wonderful. They were still under the impact of their recently-won independence."

Without a work permit, however, the only way to eke out a livelihood was to write for newspapers. Valiantly, Jokl wrote a book, ostensibly for children. It was published after the war.

She also wrote a science-fiction novel based on atomic power. "I knew nothing about physics, of course, but I learned. I discussed it with real scientists. I was interested in the spirit of science, not its technicalities." The book was translated into Czech and, says Jokl, was well received.

BUT THEN Hitler came.

"I took refuge in the French Embassy. My only possession was the manuscript of my children's book." However, she had to part even with that when she crossed, illegally, into Poland.

Jokl did not stay long in Poland, but joined the stream of refugees heading for London. Wartime England was bleak.

THE WAR over, a chance encounter with Tony Sussmann – "What a remarkable woman she was!" – decided her fate. "Tony trained me in Jungian psychology and insisted I attend the Jung Institute in Zurich."

From Zurich Jokl went to East Berlin, where she had friends, Arnold Zweig in particular, and hoped to retrieve some family possessions. She began to write a script for a film based on her book.

"After scarcely two months in East Berlin, I was ordered out of the country. Orders of the secret police, I was told.

So she crossed Checkpoint Charlie to the West. Despair once more. Rescue came in the person of the director of a psychotherapy clinic.

"For 14 years I worked at this institute, 14 most fruitful years." She also gave consultations in the Jewish hospital. However, what she observed in the Jewish community did not please her.

"NOW, WHAT ABOUT Israel?" she asked herself. She obtained an assignment from a Frankfurt newspaper for two weeks in Israel. Her first stop was Jerusalem.

"The impact of Jerusalem was immediate, atavistic. Zionism was not involved."

She studied Judaism in depth, even the Midrash. She never considered herself a Zionist. But she knew she would never leave Jerusalem.

"I don't know if it was not a mistake, after all. The charm of Jerusalem notwithstanding, the transplantation did affect my creativity. So mine, really, is a case of a scattered harvest."

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ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

Firm stand on sterling lacking

Tepid reaction to UK budget

LONDON (AFP) – The British budget received a mixed reception in the City yesterday, financial sources said, as the stock exchange faltered and the pound firmed on the foreign exchange market.

The reaction of the London Stock Exchange was seen as reflecting the market's concern about Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's failure to clarify the government's position on the rising pound. (See European Financial Markets, page 7, for details.)

The pound surged above three Deutschmarks last week for the first time in nearly a year, triggering fears that British companies would find it more difficult to compete in international markets. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ruled out intervention to hold sterling down, arguing that lowering interest rates to check the pound's rise would fuel inflation.

After conflicting statements about monetary policy by Lawson and Thatcher and rumours that Lawson was on the brink of resignation, the market was expecting the chancellor to give a clear signal of the direction the government intended to take on foreign exchange.

But analysts said Lawson's budget speech was not explicit enough to allay their concerns, although he did argue for stable foreign exchange rates. He reiterated the government's determination to combat inflation in what was seen as a sign that London was not ready to lower interest rates to halt the pound's rise.

Zoete Webb, an economist at Barclay's Bank, said, "People will feel better off because of the tax cuts and are likely to increase their consumer spending." But she questioned whether the budget was "prudent enough," echoing the concerns of other economists.

The lowering of the basic income tax rate to 25% and the elimination of tax rates of more than 40% will cost the country more than $4 billion.

Analysts also voiced concern that the current account deficit of the balance of payments could worsen because of a flood of imports into Britain prompted by the higher pound.

The opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock described the budget as "the biggest transfer of income this century from poor to rich."

Meanwhile, the Treasury announced a public sector budget surplus of £483 million for February, the 11th month of the British fiscal year.

The new figures brought to £7.4 billion the cumulative budget surplus for the first 11 months of fiscal 1987-88, compared with a deficit of £100m. ($185m.) for the same period in fiscal 1986-87.

Lawson attributed the surplus to Britain's dynamic economy.

Layoffs at Beit She'an dig delayed

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

Workers at the Beit She'an archeological excavations, threatened with dismissal, yesterday won a reprieve of one week. The 140 workers were scheduled to receive their cards yesterday because the ministries funding the dig said they had no money to continue the project for another year.

But Pini Kabalo, Beit She'an labour council head, persuaded the authorities to withdraw the dismissal letters for seven days to allow him time to find the funding.

Kabalo also spoke yesterday with MK Ora Namir, the Labour chairwoman of the Knesset Social Affairs Committee. She agreed to discuss the issue with all the parties to the excavation at next week's committee meeting.

Kabalo told *The Jerusalem Post* that the same thing happened last year, when the Ministries of Tourism and Education, as well as the Treasury, claimed they did not have the money to fund the excavations. "Apparently in this country you have to fight each year to maintain people's jobs," he said.

The labour council head said he was optimistic as to the outcome of the talks and said the cost of funding the project for a year, NIS 4 million, was the same as the amount spent on keeping Beit Shemesh Engines functioning for a week.

Kabalo stressed that their were no employment opportunities available in Beit She'an. "If the excavations close down, these people will just have to claim unemployment benefits, which will also cost the state money." He insisted that the dig gave the town's residents a chance to earn their living with dignity.

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

What's the rate in '88

In the wake of the 1987 mini-tax reform, individual income tax rates vary between 20 per cent and 48 per cent. The accompaying table details the relevant tax rates.

At the present time, the 10 per cent income tax surcharge has not been renewed on higher incomes; thus, the 48 per cent top marginal tax bracket is reached at a monthly income of NIS 3,800.

What You Pay in 1988
Monthly income tax tables, effective as of January

	Taxable Income	Tax Rate	Tax Payable	Accumulated Taxes Payable
	NIS	%	NIS	NIS
Up to	1,040	20	208	208
next	670	30	201	409
next	740	35	259	668
next	1,350	45	608	1,276
(above	3,800	48		

The 4 per cent employers' tax, payable on salaries paid to employees, remains intact at 4 per cent, though this is 3 per cent lower than the years prior to 1987, it is a little disappointing to note that this tax has not yet been annulled.

The taxation of children's allowances paid to taxpayers whose salaries are taxable at marginal tax rate of 45 per cent or more, and who have two or three children, continues despite protests from certain quarters. However, the child allowance paid to low-salaried employees for the first child is exempt from tax and does not constitute part of salary. This allowance is payable in cases where an employee's family does not exceed three children and is conditional on the monthly salary not exceeding 90 per cent of the average salary in the economy. (Up to March 1987 this was 80 per cent of the average salary.) At the present time, 90 per cent of the average salary is NIS 1,353.

The tax credit for the 1988 tax year is NIS 47. Residents are entitled to 2.25 tax credits, an additional tax credit for non-working spouse and so on down the line, including new immigrants, families with invalids requiring support and such like. Thus, for example, a bachelor or married taxpayer whose spouse also works will only begin paying taxes at a monthly level of NIS 765. A working mother with one child will pay taxes at an income of NIS 765, with two children at the level of NIS 1,000, and with three children at a level of NIS 1,170.

These too have been updated. Thus, the monthly amount exempt for meals is now NIS 49 (only in certain enterprises), the discount on goods or the benefit of interest-free loans is NIS 24 a month. The severance pay ceiling is now NIS 2,460 for each year of employment and so on. Most of the deductions and credits may be given by the employer on a monthly basis and may be accounted for in the monthly payroll calculation of the employee.

When an employer provides a vehicle which is used by the employee, then the value to be attached to such vehicle for income tax purposes is as detailed below:

Size of Vehicle	Value to be Added NIS
Up to 1,600 cc	270
Up to 2,000 cc	500
Above 2,000 cc	810
For commercial vehicle:	
Up to 2,000 cc	90
Exceeding 2,000 cc	140

These amounts are to be taken account of in calculating the employee's tax liability.

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Belgian diamond sales up 21.5% in '87

By BERT LAUWERS

ANTWERP, Belgium – Belgium's diamond trade sparkled in 1987, with sales unaffected by the crash on world stock markets in October. The Diamond High Council based here said in its annual report released last week that turnover rose in value last year 21.5% to $9.5 billion.

The share crash had no effect on trade, with sales of finished stones to the U.S. – the world's largest polished-diamond importer – buoyant at Christmas, Mark van den Abeelen, the council's director-general, told a news conference. And trade is expected to grow at the same rate in 1988, thanks to a surge in demand on the back of a world economic revival, Walter Baert, the council's spokesman, told Reuters.

Antwerp, the world's leading diamond trade centre, accounted for 85% of world trade in rough diamonds last year and over 50% of trade and manufacturing in polished stones. Diamond sales last year accounted for 6% of Belgium's exports and 2% of its gross national product.

Imports of the gems rose 20.7% in 1987 to $4.2b., while exports grew 26.4% to $4.5b.

But Belgium's diamond industry, which specializes in polishing and cutting rough diamonds, was hit by competition from countries with lower labour costs, the council said.

"We are going to fight to get a share of this trade back," van den Abeelen said. The diamond industry last year only employed 6,324 people, compared with 15,000 a decade ago.

Productivity remained high, van den Abeelen said. But the industry needed government help to fight competition from Israel, India and countries in Southeast Asia.

The Diamond High Council, formed in 1973 to represent the industry's interests, has campaigned vigorously in recent years to maintain Antwerp's world position. Its programme has included offering a one million dollar, diamond-studded racket trophy for the world's richest tennis tournament, the European Community Championship in the city.

(Reuter)

Soft'n'Easy exports seen doubling to $60m. this year

By JUDY MALTZ

TEL AVIV – Mepro will double exports of its Soft'n'Easy hair remover this year, from the $30 million worth sold in the two years it has been on the market, company managers told a Beit Sokolov press conference yesterday.

The Kibbutz Hagoshrim-based firm will hold its first international conference of distributors this weekend in Tel Aviv, in a bid to penetrate more markets around the world with their innovative product, one of Israel's rare major export successes in consumer electronics. Some 60 representatives from 30 countries are expected to participate.

The company said it recently purchased $2m. in sophisticated equipment for its kibbutz plant and for production and assembly lines in surrounding settlements up north.

To be closer to its customers, Mepro also set up a production line in Hongkong six months ago, which will manufacture as much as 10% of Mepro's total output. Another production line will be set up in Brazil by the summer through a company jointly owned by Mepro and two overseas firms.

Its long-term plans, Mepro said, call for setting up other facilities in Argentina, Spain, and India.

The company said it had received many requests for permits to market its hair removers, and last week, it signed an agreement with a well-known Japanese concern it wouldn't identify, giving it exclusive rights to market Mepro's products. It is also in the advanced stages of negotiations with businessmen in the Eastern bloc.

Kibbutz Hagoshrim has decided to expand Mepro's product line by going into the field of cosmetics and by jointly producing and marketing "Ahava" Dead Sea health products.

At the conference to be held this weekend, the company said it would address the problem of counterfeit versions of Soft'n'Easy. Mepro has uncovered 13 pirate operations conducted by eight separate groups.

Earnings Roundup

Clal Electronics narrows its losses

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

Clal Electronic Industries Ltd. succeeded in cutting its losses by over 70% last year, as its two chief subsidiaries – ECI Telecom Ltd. and Scitex Corp. – moved into the black, but not far enough to carry their parent with them.

The company, an electronics holding concern controlled by Clal Ltd., reported a net loss last week of NIS 4.73 million, last year, compared with NIS 16.5m. in 1986.

ECI Telecom, in which Clal holds a 59% stake, and Scitex, where its holds just under 15%, both succeeded in moving from losses into profits in the course of 1987, but they failed to make a positive contribution to Clal, especially Scitex. And some smaller subsidiaries, still in the research and development stage, added to Clal Electronic's losses.

The company's management stressed that a comparison between the first and second halves of the year underlined its ongoing improvement. In the first half, Clal lost NIS 3.8m., but this dropped to only NIS 900,000 in the second half, with ECI by then in the black, and Scitex tentatively so. Overall income rose over 16% to NIS 48.7m., while expenses, including Clal Electronic's share in the losses of its subsidiary and affiliates, fell 18% to NIS 53m.

The resulting pre-tax loss, of NIS 4.57m., represented an improvement of over 80% on the equivalent 1986 figure of NIS 22.77m. However, the company paid some tax last year, after receiving a rebate the year before, and the minority holding in some small subsidiaries came away with a profit, whereas in 1986 they had helped bear the losses. The final figure of NIS 4.73m., therefore, was 71.3% less than the 1986 loss.

The company's total sales in 1987 were $190m., up from $158m. in 1986. Of these, export sales were $184m., compared with $151m. in the previous year.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK reported an increase of 28% in its inflation-adjusted net profit for 1987, to NIS 16.7m. The bank's gross profit rose 24.5%, to NIS 20.1m., but it paid a much higher tax rate in 1987 than 1986 – 42% to 23%. Its after-tax operating profit therefore dropped from NIS 12.5m. to NIS 11.75m., but higher profits from a subsidiary and from one-time asset sales pushed up the bottom line.

Industrial Development Bank is owned by the government and the main commercial banks, and engages primarily in long-term directed loans to industry. Its balance sheet rose almost 10% in 1987, to stand at NIS 1.89 billion and its loan portfolio grew 14.7% to NIS 1.37b.

The bank made provisions for bad debts totalling NIS 7m. in 1987, down from NIS 10.15m. in 1986.

MIZRAHI INVESTMENT CORP. said its net profit soared 644% in 1987, from a meagre NIS 233,000 to NIS 1.74m. Gross operating profit, however, rose relatively moderately, by 88% to NIS 1.975m. The company benefited from a sharply reduced tax rate, which took 46% of its gross profit, compared with 77% in 1986. A subsidiary, which swung from a small loss to a profit of NIS 668,000, also helped the improvement in consolidated net profit.

The company's balance sheet shrank 5.6% to NIS 772m., as its portfolio of bonds was reduced by redemptions. The net profit boosted equity by over 15%, but this only brought it to NIS 13m., while liquid assets rose from NIS 2.2m. to NIS 4.2m. These funds were used for what the board described as "flexible financial activity," and were a main factor in the higher profits achieved.

CLAL COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY reported a 1987 net profit of NIS 90,000, compared with NIS 50,000 in 1986. Behind this apparent non-event, however, much larger events were occuring in the company. The management report details three major changes in the firm's activity: Its main line business of importing and marketing computers, finally got back into the black, to the tune of NIS 350,000, after making a loss of NIS 1.5m in 1986.

This achievement culminated three years of efforts to streamline the operation, and was aided by the general boom in the services sector of the economy that allowed firms to buy or lease more up-to-date computers. However, during the year, Clal Computers decided to broaden its range of interests and bought 75% of a CAD/CAM company with a very interesting product.

More company results on page 7

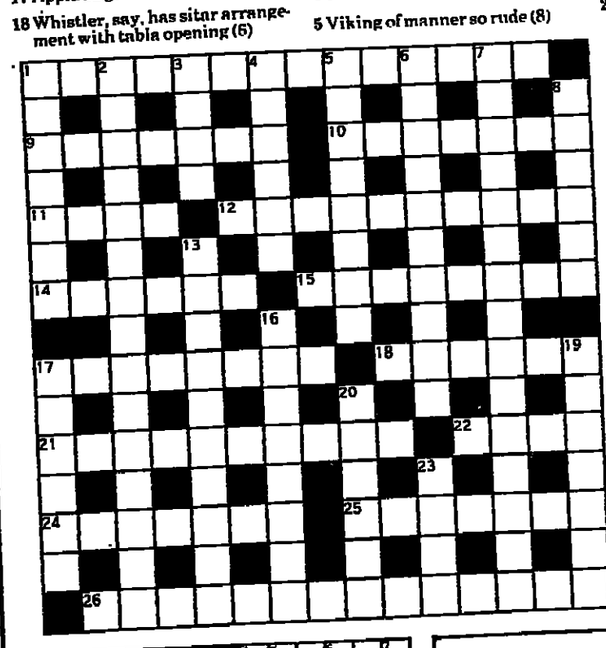
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 What causes iron shot to be drawn? (14)
9 Dark roundabout at motorway—commonsense is needed (7)
10 Drive back in a ship of the line (7)
11 State of article on British isle (4)
12 Tender name, possibly (10)
14 Shelter from the greasy lumpen proletariat (6)
15 Drunkard reverses taxi with simple song (8)
17 Applaud gin affectation (8)
18 Whistler, say, has sitar arrangement with tabla opening (6)
21 Poor and broken-hearted around pub (10)
22 Headlight of immaculate owner? (4)
24 Blow £1! (7)
25 Convenience back to front in angle—how silly! (7)
26 Achievement by Basil, perhaps, showered like one who is frivolous (7-7)

DOWN

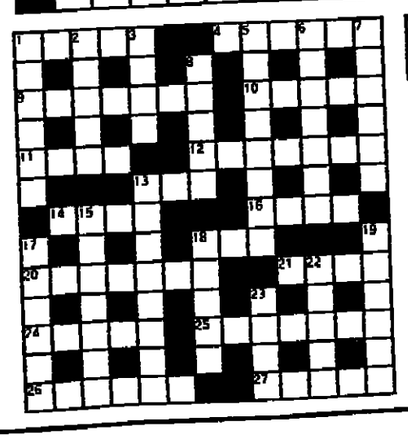
1 Flora's identity in a state (7)
2 Cigar-area warily set out for a smoker? (7-8)
3 A pitcher in the concert-hall (4)
4 Sailor transported faraway (6)
5 Viking of manner so rude (8)
6 Way to reproduce band-score (4-6)
7 Auto-test? (4-11)
8 Group taking exercise in rising river (6)
13 Means to protect one of those on the shelf? (4-6)
16 Celebration that is a mere job of organization (8)
17 Hair-style set anew is most attractive (6)
19 Having members that get engaged? (7)
20 Quiet football-official given a hand at the house (6)
23 Planned go at encircling Julius Caesar (4)



Yesterday's Solution

Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Diner, 4 Might, 10 Article, 11 Scrap, 12 Circa, 13 Genteel, 15 Ibex, 17 Shame, 19 Irate, 22 Late, 25 Magneto, 27 Jolly, 29 Shaft, 30 Trigger, 31 Adore, 32 Nears. DOWN: 2 Inter, 3 Exclaim, 5 Ibsen, 6 Harvest, 7 Hatch, 8 Wedge, 9 Spill, 14 Exit, 16 Bolt, 18 Haggard, 20 Rejoice, 21 Amiss, 23 Aorta, 24 Hydra, 26 Enter, 28 Lager.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Trees of a region (5)
4 Butt in (6)
9 Deer meat (7)
10 Lace-loop (5)
11 Valley (4)
12 Shining (7)
13 Shade (3)
14 Former Indian coin (4)
16 Weighty hook (4)
18 Hint (3)
20 Cheese (7)
21 Impartial (4)
24 String instrument (5)
25 Destiny (7)
26 South wind (6)
27 Illustrious (6)

DOWN

1 Untamed (6)
2 Sudden forward movement (5)
3 Too (4)
5 Accelerate (8)
6 Harangue (7)
7 Being (6)
8 Sleep noisily (5)
13 Good-looking (8)
15 Sewing tools (7)
17 Shrub (6)
18 Skill (5)
19 Passionate (6)
22 Sky-blue (5)
23 Card game (4)

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IMF scores Bank of Israel's 'expansionary' money policy

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a report released yesterday took the Bank of Israel to task for a monetary policy it said was "too expansionary."

The Washington-based institution expressed concern that Israel's inflation rate continued at the 15% to 20% range, and said the fact that the increase in imports offset the very large rise in exports was "disappointing."

The fund's remarks were included in a preliminary report about the Israeli economy drafted by a delegation, which ended a visit to Israel yesterday.

The report expressed serious doubts about the possibility of maintaining a fixed exchange rate while prices and wages keep going up. "In the end, a stable exchange rate must be the result of underlying conditions that support stable prices." But the IMF economists agreed with the Treasury and the Bank of Israel that a devaluation would be a "futile step" if it was not accompanied by an accord with the Histadrut and by fiscal restraint.

The report also said the maintainance of a stable exchange rate can help speed up the elimination of wage inertia. It can convince workers to accept low nominal raises and in convincing producers that they will not be bailed out if they grant excessive wage awards.

The IMF economists accepted that real wages went up over and above productivity. This was disappointing, the fund said, and there must be efforts to increase the flexibility of the wage determination process by relating wage increases more closely to productivity gains. But the IMF economists did not agree with the Bank of Israel that this was the main reason for price rises during 1987.

They said producers were only able to pass along higher prices the effects of wage increases only because demand was strong enough. And demand was strong due to the money and credit expansion allowed by the Bank of Israel, the report stated.

The IMF preference for tight monetary policies are very evident in the document. "The great emphasis which we would place on the importance of achieving further sustainable reductions in the rate of inflation suggests that, in the period ahead, money and credit policies should err on the side of caution," the IMF report stated.

The report added that while high interest rates are a negative feature, a reduction could only be achieved through the elimination of distortions in the financial system, not through monetary expansion.

The report said that in the long run there would be a need for a further budget cut, what it called "fiscal adjustment," if the rate of private savings did not go up. In the long term there must be a sustained increase in investment, and the resources must come from savings.

Further budget cuts are also needed in the medium term as a way of bringing about a reduction in the high level of the government debt relative to the gross national product. The government's intention of privatizing some its enterprises will also provide much needed help in this repect, the report said.

Fertilizers back in black

By DAVID ROSENBERG

Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. defied adverse market conditions at home and abroad last year, to turn its 1986 loss into a razor-thin profit.

The company, a subsidiary of state-owned Israel Chemicals Ltd., yesterday reported a net profit of NIS 780,000 for the nine months to December 31, 1987, compared with an inflation-adjusted loss of NIS 3.94 million for entire the previous year. Like many companies, Fertilizers and Chemicals is moving to calendar-year reporting and offered only nine-month results for 1987 during the transition period.

The earnings worked out to a per share profit of 35 agorot, compared with a loss of NIS 1.77 in 1986/87.

The turnaround was accompanied by about a 21% gain in sales revenue. Sales in the nine months of the 1987 years came to NIS 106.9m., compared with NIS 133.5m. for the full 12 months of 1986/87, or NIS 88.1m. when adjusted for comparison's sake.

Fertilizers and Chemicals said local sales, which accounted for NIS 80.13m. of its total last year, continued strong on the industrial side and weak in the agricultural sector, netting between the two an 8% rise in volume terms.

Fertilizers and Chemicals claimed it was further hurt by price controls. The average price for its products in real terms in December was equal to 56% of its November 1984 level.

On the export side, which made up NIS 26.8m. in sales, sales were hurt by the general downturn in the market, although certain categories saw gains. Fertilizers and Chemicals said there were signs that the worldwide price declines had reached their bottom.

El Op net, sales flat in '87

Post Economic Staff

Elop Electro Optic Industries Ltd., the Rehovot-based maker of optical gear, blamed the government's economic policies yesterday for its flat performance last year.

Like other high technology concerns, El Op said the combination of 16% annual inflation and a frozen shekel/dollar exchange rate had eaten into its export profits.

El Op reported a net profit of NIS 1.68 million for the 1987, down an inflation-adjusted 3.4% from 1986, or 38 agorot on a per share basis. Sales were down nearly 10% to NIS 125.4m., although the 1986 figures included a joint venture with Elbit Computers Ltd. no longer in operation. Not counting that in 1986, sales were still down, but a smaller 2 per cent.

Exports sales were ahead 14% for the year, measured in dollar terms, $41.5 million.

FINANCIAL AID requests by 119 companies totalling NIS 31 million was approved by the Industry and Trade Ministry in 1987.

Discount offers cheapest unlinked credit available

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

Israel Discount Bank introduced a loan scheme this week that offers households and businesses credit of between NIS 1,000 and NIS 50,000 at a price of 2% per month – the cheapest unlinked credit at present available.

Discount is thus answering Bank Leumi's latest cheap loan scheme, in which it sells vouchers enabling the holder to obtain NIS 2,000-6,000 at a fixed rate of 2.1% monthly. Leumi has sold more than 30,000 vouchers so far, 60% of its target.

But Discount's approach is significantly different from Leumi's, apart from being slightly cheaper. Discount is using its Discount Extra programme, a revolving credit scheme that it introduced last year, but that had only limited success.

Discount Extra, in its old form, offered potentially large amounts of credit, but was very costly. The new offer, which is for a limited period and subject to withdrawal at any time, does not include any extra charges as well as significantly reducing the rate of interest levied. The rate will now be prime plus 0.75% per month, or 2% per month at current rates.

Discount Extra has two other important advantages over Leumi's programme, in that it is available to both business and personal accounts, whereas Leumi's is a personal-credit scheme, while the amount available is much larger, with a ceiling of NIS 50,000 compared with only NIS 60,000 at Leumi. However, Leumi has other facilities open to business borrowers.

Discount Extra customers must open a "dedicated" account, for which they receive a separate cheque book. Any cheques drawn on the account represent partial use of the credit facility. Repayments are made on the basis of 10% of the outstanding loan balance every month, with a minimum of NIS 100. Collateral requirements are as usual.

The special offer allows customers to benefit from the cheap terms for 10 months from the account opening, even after the offer is terminated.

Nissim: Approval of hikes in 'arnona' awaits probe

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday promised the Knesset Finance Committee not to sign a decree, allowing all municipalities to raise their local rates, until ensuring it was in accordance with what the government had earlier promised would be the criteria for hikes.

Nissim appeared before the panel to talk about his ministry's budget, but instead he met with criticism about the decision to raise the municipal taxes (*arnona*) of most of the local authorities 15% and those of large cities like Tel Aviv, Holon, Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Haifa and Petah Tikva by 6-12%.

The MKs told Nissim the decision, which was announced some days ago by the Interior and Finance Ministries, clearly contradicted what government representatives had told them. The MKs said the government had promised that those municipalities enjoying surpluses would get permission only for very limited raises. Nor, they recalled, was authorization for hikes in municipal taxes supposed to be given across the board.

In response, Nissim promised to withold his signature formally putting the hikes into effect until examining whether such promises had in fact been given to the finance committee.

Israel wines, dines UK travel reps

By SHLOMO MAOZ

LONDON – About 1,100 people took part Tuesday night in the annual banquet of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), an event that served as a showcase for tourism to Israel.

The ABTA's annual convention, which is expected to be a major boost to tourism in Israel, is scheduled to be held in Jerusalem next October.

Usually some 3,000 agents take part in the annual ABTA convention, and Israel has made great efforts to ensure that next October's gathering doesn't fall short of that number.

For instance, the bill for Tuesday's $150,000 banquet was partially paid for by the Israeli tourism industry and Israeli participants at the dinner, as well as by the ABTA. During the evening a special audio-visual presentation of Jerusalem was presented.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume NIS	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of arrangement)			
Maritime 0.1	1140	103	+1.6
General non-arr.	14350	86	–
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement – 1988 series)			
IDB ord	107550	545	–
Union	80000	86	–
Discount A	137450	98	–
Mizrahi r	44150	287	-0.3
Hapoalim r	73100	986	+0.1
General A	186300	22	+0.3
Leumi 100.0	46400	1587	–
Fin. Trade 1	61375	1641	–
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort. r	6800	116	-3.0
Dev. Mort.	1840	973	–
Mishkan r	3020	200	–
First Int'l Mort.	6260	25	–
Tefahot r	19395	–	–
Contractors	1607	6923	-8.6
Ciel Leasing 0.5	16630	–	+0.3
Insurance			
Reinsurance 5	198.5	–	–
Hadar 1	107.5	35	-2.3
Phoenix 1	390	1380	–
Hamishmar 1	3921	–	+1.1
Ciel Insurance	325	11438	+2.8
Menorah 1	1110	100	+4.2
Securities	755	597	–
Trade & Services			
Intergama 1	774	200	+2.9
Meir Ezra	515	2266	–
Crystal		n.t.	
Superdi A	898	800	-0.1
Assuta	308	3000	-2.2
Lightcage 1	642	258	–
Cold Storage 1	540	520	-3.5
Bonded W'house 1	1030	2	–
Dan Hotels 1	1250	50	+3.9
Coral Beach	5840	35	–
Red Sea Hotels	200	9961	-0.5
Hilon 1	161.5	16500	-6.1
M.L.L. 1	6200	–	–
Nilluv	541	300	–
Team 1	800	585	-3.2
Real Estate, Bldg., Agriculture			
Al-Rov	305	400	+1.3
Africa Isr. 0.1	35350	23	+1.4
Ariadan 1	2541	90	-0.0
Danknar	4650	44	+1.5
Bayside 1	3325	350	–
Isras	16000	130	–
MTM		n.t.	
Bldg. Resources		n.t.	
Litshitz	222	500	+0.5
Mehadrin	4840	50	+1.0
Hadarim Prop.	1365	300	-1.1
Industrials			
Dubek r	2330	30	-9.0
Tempo 1	27300	11	+7.9
Sumtrust	13550	57	–
Assis	297	700	–
Adger	316	3500	–
Argaman	7480	144	-0.9
Delta Galil 0.1	1145	1569	+3.2
Zilkt 1	1325	315	-0.4
Eagle 1	310	1000	–
Emek	150	500	+1.7
Polgat a	782	2540	+0.10
Gibor Sabrina	5780	2	-0.2
Urdan 1	4250	100	–
Wire&Cable	266	2937	+0.8
Zion Cables 5	992	361	+1.2
Packar Plada 1	1595	354	+3.2
Elbit	257000	12	–
Electra 0.1	1858	220	–
Aryt	12600	64	+0.4
Spectronix 1	928	833	-0.1
T.A.T. 5	386	1600	-2.1
Y.P. Ciel	158.5	17528	–
Ackerstein 1	403	500	+0.8
Bolos Bros.	88	5564	+1.0
Agan	1380	1181	–
Alliance	602	–	-4.9
Gal Indus. 1	333	56	+2.5
Fertilizers 0.1		n.t.	
Sano	18940	46	–
Periclase	527	1150	–
Fruzarom	502	3356	-5.3
Keter	120	1500	-6.5
Cargal	672	4152	-4.3
Te'al	15150	61	+1.0
Koor	6040	15	–
Investment Companies			
Israel Corp. 5	2897	1068	-2.0
Mizrahi Invest.	28400	34	+0.8
Pama 1	5200	39	+3.5
Piryon	9900	301	-2.0
Kardan 1	99	3015	+1.0
Yisum	53	21724	-10.2
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	18000	144	-4.3

Indices

General Share	Two-Sided	General Bond
94.37	79.27	103.72
0.19%	1.23%	0.11%

Share Movements

Advances	Trading Halt	Declines
128 (171)	173 (164) Unchanged; .51 (31)	133 (119)

Statistics

Stock Indices (Main List)

General Share (excl argmt.)	77.90	+0.56
Non-argmt.	80.93	+0.61
Arrangement Banks	106.02	UC
Mortgage Banks	80.36	-0.19
Financial Inst.	38.58	-0.42
Insurance	74.53	+0.62
Commerce & Services	70.54	-0.06
Real Estate & Agric.	76.37	+0.22
Industrials	77.97	+0.36
Food & Tobacco	80.75	+2.38
Textiles	72.61	+0.67
Metals	75.47	+0.63
Electronics	85.69	+0.11
Chemicals	84.38	+0.38
Industrial Invest.	66.19	+0.59
Investment Cos.	78.82	+1.99

Stock Indices (Parallel List)

General Index	72.16	-1.27
Commerce and Services	68.75	-0.44
Real Estate	67.26	+0.84
Industrials	74.32	-1.64
Investment Cos.	66.76	-1.92
Oil Exploration	75.72	-1.83

Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds	103.89	+0.08
Fully linked	103.59	+0.08
Partially linked	103.99	+0.11
Foreign Currency	104.90	+0.31
FC denominated	104.14	-0.04
FC linked	105.24	+0.48

Short-term 0-2 yrs	104.07	+0.10
Short-medium 2-5 yrs	103.76	+0.14
Medium-long 5-7 yrs	103.47	+0.33
Long-term 7+ yrs	103.50	-0.06

Turnovers

Total Shares	NIS	10,957,500
Non-arrangement	NIS	6,916,600
Two-sided	NIS	2,808,500
Arrangement	NIS	4,040,900
Bonds	NIS	6,634,000
Treasury Bills	NIS	56,521,200

Bond Market Trends

Index-linked:	
3% fully linked	Mixed to 1%
4.25% fully linked	Mixed to 2%
80% linked	Stable/mixed to 1%
Rimon	Rises slightly
Gilboa	Rises to 1%
FC denominated	Rises to 3%
Non-government	Rises to 1%
T-bills	16.7–18.15%

Arrangement Yields

IDB ord.	8.99%
Union 0.1	9.02%
Discount A	8.76%
Mizrahi R.	9.39%
Hapoalim R.	8.92%
General A.	8.79%
Leumi Stock	9.09%
Fin. Trade 1	9.60%

Two-Sided Trading

Name	Morning Price	Morning Volume NIS	Morning % Change	Afternoon Price	Afternoon Volume NIS	Afternoon % Change
First Internat'l	5791	2166	–	5834	1680	+0.75
Fibi	7153	1532	–	7171	2870	+0.25
Hasneh r	151	13618	-0.70	153.5	12000	+0.50
Shilton	663	1143	–	666	4800	+0.50
Ciel Trading	348	7589	–	351	17000	+0.75
Superol b	792	1301	–	796	15060	+0.50
Delek r	1828	1153	–	1842	3000	+0.75
Africa-Isr. 1.0	26824	18	–	26957	105	+1.25
Azorim	755	12888	-2.50	762	4500	-1.50
Prop. & Bldg.	2250	296	–	2284	4930	+1.50
ILDC r	54280	n.t.	n.t.		n.t.	
JEC	258	18000	–	262	26000	+1.50
Ciel R Estate	584	n.t.	n.t.		n.t.	
Elite	11228	35	–	11368	40	+1.26
Polgat b	590	5000	–		n.t.	
Ia. Can Co. 0.1	3101	280	–	3109	1200	+0.25
Ciel Electronics	1767	604	–	1802	2400	+2.00
Elron	208815	7	–	208815	32	–
Teva	7757	1108	–	7884	1260	+1.50
Dead Sea	1913	2728	–	1923	16800	+0.50
Petrochem	826	7454	–	836	16000	+1.25
AIPM	213773	11	-1.00	216568	18	-2.00
Ciel Industries	174	34122	–	176.5	60000	+1.25
IDB Develop.	5586	586	–	5696	6440	+2.00
Ellem	729	118	–	736	3500	+1.00
Israel Corp.	3308	858	–	3382	3190	+2.25
Hapoalim Invest.	578	200	-0.50	586	33600	+3.00
Discount Invest.	1906	1748	-3.00	2004	10120	+2.00
Ciel 1.0	967	4732	–	1022	20800	+3.50
JOEL	275	8800	-3.20	284	6800	–

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank	Deposit Size	Pachak	7 days	14 days	30 days
Last Updated					
Leumi (Feb. 24)	40-1,000	–	8.00	10.00	13.00
	1,001-10,000	11.00	12.50	12.75	13.75
	10,001-50,000	12.00	13.00	13.25	14.25
	50,001-100,000	12.50	13.50	13.75	14.75
	100,001-500,000	12.50	13.50	13.75	15.00
Hapoalim (Mar. 14)	Up to 9,999	10.00	12.00	12.00	13.00
	10,000-49,999	11.00	13.00	13.00	13.50
	50,000-99,999	12.00	13.50	13.50	14.00
	100,000+	12.50	14.00	14.00	14.50
Discount (Mar. 17)	40-995	7.00	7.00	10.00	12.00
	1,000-9,995	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00
	10,000-49,995	12.50	13.00	14.00	14.50
	50,000-99,995	13.00	14.00	14.50	15.00
	100,000+	13.50	14.00	14.50	15.00
Mizrahi (Mar. 13)	40-2,000	–	12.00	12.00	13.00
	2,001-10,000	11.50	12.50	12.50	14.00
	10,001-50,000	12.25	13.25	13.50	14.50
	50,001-100,000	12.50	13.75	14.00	14.50
	100,001-250,000	12.75	14.00	14.00	14.75
	250,000+	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.75
First Int'l (Mar. 2)	50-999	–	7.82	10.43	12.96
	1,000-9,999	11.50	11.47	12.51	14.40
	10,000-49,999	12.00	13.04	13.04	14.76
	50,000-99,999	12.25	13.56	13.56	15.00
	100,000+	12.50	14.08	14.08	15.48

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates, (March 17)

Currency (min. deposit)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($100,000)	6.000	6.250	6.625
Pound sterling (£100,000)	7.250	7.375	7.625
Deutschmark (DM 200,000)	2.375	2.500	2.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.875	1.250	1.750
Yen (1 million yen)	3.000	3.000	3.000

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI. Rates vary according to size of deposit.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (March 16)

	Cheques and Transfers Buy	Cheques and Transfers Sell	Banknotes Buy	Banknotes Sell	Rep. Rates
Currency basket	1.7050	1.7260	–	–	1.7155
U.S. dollar	1.5573	1.5767	1.52	1.59	1.5675
Deutschmark	0.9334	0.9450	0.91	0.95	0.9391
Pound sterling	2.8810	2.9169	2.80	2.93	2.8999
French franc	0.2744	0.2778	0.26	0.28	0.2761
Japanese yen (100)	1.2224	1.2376	1.19	1.25	1.2294
Dutch florin	0.8314	0.8418	0.81	0.85	0.8360
Swiss franc	1.1285	1.1425	1.10	1.15	1.1356
Swedish krona	0.2624	0.2657	0.26	0.27	0.2640
Norwegian krone	0.2455	0.2486	0.24	0.25	0.2470
Danish krone	0.2432	0.2462	0.24	0.25	0.2447
Finnish mark	0.3858	0.3906	0.38	0.39	0.3882
Canadian dollar	1.2419	1.2573	1.21	1.27	1.2500
Australian dollar	1.1392	1.1534	1.07	1.18	1.1464
S. African rand	0.7322	0.7413	0.48	0.58	0.7368
Belgian franc (10)	0.4449	0.4505	0.43	0.45	0.4489
Austrian schilling (10)	1.3265	1.3430	1.30	1.35	1.3358
Italian lira (1000)	1.2589	1.2746	1.22	1.29	1.2664
Jordanian dinar	–	–	4.26	4.52	4.5458
Egyptian pound	–	–	0.68	0.73	0.6701
ECU	1.9318	1.9559	–	–	1.9444
Irish punt	2.4832	2.5243	2.43	2.59	2.5093
Spanish peseta (100)	1.3829	1.4103	1.35	1.44	1.3896

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI.

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (16.3.88)

Precious Metals

Gold	London	a.m. fix	447.15
	London	p.m. fix	448.20
	Paris	noon	447.30
	Zurich	p.m. fix	447.75
Silver	London	Spot fix	638.90
Platinum	London	p.m. fix	497.00

SOURCE: MARINE MIDLAND BANK

Libor Rates

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Sterling	8 7/8	8 15/16	9 1/8
Dollar	6 13/16	6 13/16	7
S-franc	1 5/8	1 3/4	2 1/4
D-mark	3 7/16	3 7/16	3 9/16
Yen	4 5/8	4 3/8	4 3/8

Foreign Currency Crossrates (London 15:30 GMT)

Forward rates	Spot	3 months	6 months	12 months
Pound sterling	1.8460/70	98/93	185/180	335/325
Deutschmark	1.6887/92	148/143	289/284	587/577
Swiss franc	1.3825/35	175/170	330/320	615/585
Dutch florin	1.8740/50	132/129	264/258	548/533
French franc	5.6770/00	230/260	425/475	700/800
Japanese yen	127.30/40	63/78	170/163	370/350
Italian lira	1239.0/1.0	121/151	225/275	412/512
Belgian franc	34.90/95	9/4	19/12	40/25
Canadian dollar	1.2512/22	52/55	102/107	190/210
ECU	1.2385/95	10/15	27/32	75/85
S. African rand	2.1270/20	145/165	340/380	805/875
Austrian schilling	11.73/74	9/7	17/14	35/29
Swedish krona	5.9360/10	380/420	715/785	1345/1470
Norwegian krone	6.3340/90	1180/1220	2270/2330	4225/4350
Danish krone	6.4065/15	320/380	640/760	1075/1325

Share indices

Commerzbank 60 stocks 1424.7 +15.5 Financial Times 100 stocks 1830.8 -9.1

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (March 16)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	8.50 %	Fed funds (late)	6 7/16
Broker loan	7.5-7.75 %	Long term bond	103 1/32-2/32
NY Euros (3 mos.)	6 13/16-11/16 %	Discount rate	6.00 %

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
Latest	1.6735/45	1.3855/65	1.8485/95	127.45/48	1.2510/15
High	1.6755	1.3863	1.8510	127.50	1.2539
Low	1.6670	1.3785	1.8453	127.20	1.2500

Comment:
The dollar was little changed yesterday from the firmer levels that have held sway for most of the afternoon. Trading was thin, however, ahead of today's U.S. trade data. The dollar rose earlier after reports of heightened unrest in Panama and Honduras. Sterling firmed to 3.093 Deutschmarks, an important resistance level.

Precious Metals

Gold	Spot	445.50	Silver	Spot	6.33
	Prev close	440.95		Prev close	6.37

Wall Street (Prices as of 16:00 GMT)

Market Indices			NYSE Highest Volume		
DJ Industrials	2,062.83	+15.42	Pillsbury	41⅝	+3½
DJ Transport	865.36	+17.35	Navistar	5¾	UNCH
DJ Utils	180.00	+1.30	Ford Motor	44	UNCH
Stocks	772.99	+8.41	Gen Mill	50	- ⅛
NYSE Comp	151.23	+1.24	USX Corp	31⅜	- ¼
NYSE Inds	183.32	+1.58	Amer Expr	25⅛	- ⅜
NASD Comp	376.48	+1.91	ATT	28¾	+ ⅛
S-P 100 index	255.40	+2.46	Exxon	43⅝	+ ⅞
S-P Comp	268.58	+2.45	Baxter Lab	42	+1
Amex index	297.44	+0.89	Gen Elec	44¼	+ ⅝

Statistics

NYSE	Volume	153,770,700	NASDAQ	Volume	130,429,000 (Mar. 15)
	Stocks up	823		Stocks up	1060
	Stocks down	421		Stocks down	996

Comment:
Wall Street stocks turned higher yesterday on light volume. Traders said bargain-hunting late in the session accounted for the run up, but they added there was concern about heightenedunrest in Panama and Honduras, and worries about the U.S. trade figures, due out today.
Gains in the airlines and other transports provided much of the momentum for the lateafternoon rally, traders said.

Israeli Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/Amex

	Last	Prev. close	High	Low	Vol. ('00s)
Alliance	½	½	½	½	13
Am Isr Pap	14½	14¼	14⅝	14⅛	18
Ampal	1¾	1⅞	1¾	1¾	30
Carmel Cont	–	5⅜	–	–	–
Elscint	1⅝	1½	1⅝	1½	240
Etz Lavud	7	7⅛	7⅛	7	15
Laser Inds	7⅞	8	8	7⅞	62

Over-the-Counter

	Last	Bid	Ask		Last	Bid	Ask
Ampal	–	4¾	5¾	IDB Bank	–	59	63
Aryt	NA	NA	NA	IIS	–	3⅝	3¾
Bank Leumi	–	25	27	Interpharm	–	3	3⅛
Biotech Gen.	6¼	6¼	6½	Optrotech	6½	6	6½
Elbit	4⅞	4⅞	5	Oshap	–	1¾	2¼
Elde	–	2⅝	2¾	Reda	NA	NA	NA
ECI Tel.	3⅛	3⅛	3⅜	Scitex	NA	NA	NA
Elron	3⅜	3⅜	4	Taro Vit	–	1	1⅜
Fibronics	4¼	4¼	4⅝	Tevapharm	5¾	513/16	6
Galagraph	–	1⅜	1½				

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A rhetoric of rejectionism

WHAT is it that makes the prospect of a genuine meeting of minds between Yitzhak Shamir and George Shultz as remote as an agreement between Mr. Shamir and Shimon Peres?

It most certainly is not the protagonists' differing views on the idea of an international peace conference, even in the minimalist versions of it offered now by the secretary of state and earlier by the foreign minister. Although the premier has been treating the conference as second only to the PLO among his pet aversions, and pointing to it as a clear and present danger to Israel's very existence, it is all too plainly nothing of the sort.

The danger which the conference poses is not to Israel's survival, but to the survival of the Likud's, or at least of Herut's, *raison d'etre*.

Had the premier believed that he could secure Arab consent and world approval for a Greater Israel by means of an international conference, he would readily have become its most ardent champion and would have cared not a fig any longer for direct negotiations. The real trouble with the conference is that, even if completely non-interventionist and utterly non-coercive, it is bound to confirm with incontestable finality that Herut's territorial programme is at best a mirage.

In order to defend that programme, Mr. Shamir must argue that it is the sole assurance of Israel's survival. For only a Jewish state framed by the sea in the west and the Jordan river in the east will form an "iron wall" against its mortal Arab enemies; even if more than one third of those selfsame enemies will be living in the territory thus defined. The enmity of these internal enemies is in fact used as an argument for perpetuating Israel's rule over the territories, even though this involves Mr. Shamir in a first-class logical contradiction.

On Monday this week, shortly after his arrival in Washington, the premier analyzed the nature of what he claimed was *not* civil disobedience in the territories, in a lecture to a UJA Young Leadership convention. What had been happening in Judea, Samaria and Gaza during the preceding three months, Mr. Shamir insisted, was "war – a war against Israelis, against the existence of the State of Israel."

This must be pronounced rather odd, on the face of it. Until now, only the more benighted representatives of Israel's lunatic rightist fringe have used the war model in characterizing the Palestinian "non-uprising." At their hands, the Palestinian "war" on Israel serves as proof that the Palestinians cannot be entrusted with any measure of autonomy, and should be encouraged to seek their national salvation across the Jordan. But Mr. Shamir, although he originally opposed it, is sticking to the Camp David autonomy, in his own version, of course, as the one true and safe model of Jewish-Arab, or Israeli-Palestinian, coexistence in the territories.

If, however, those he only three months ago dismissed as "criminals and hooligans" are now found to be actually waging a war "against the existence of Israel," and with an easily observable degree of popular Palestinian support, it would seem to make more sense for Premier Shamir to admit that his own party's halfway house to annexation is located nowhere in the real world.

The implication is clear: all Israeli policy, as distinct from fantasy, options must rest on the premise that the Palestinians in the territories are today overwhelmingly hostile towards Israel, and that the highest hope many of them entertain is to see Israel disappear. But it takes more than Mr. Shamir's rejectionist rhetoric to proceed from that premise to any kind of *sensible* political solution.

Les Miserables

PITY the country's poor industrialists. If only they were as well-off as their employees, they could add to the March pay-packets the 4.9 per cent cost-of-living allowance mandated by the 0.8 rise in the Consumer Price Index for February. But as it is, they just cannot afford it.

True, the index of wholesale prices has risen distinctly faster during the past year than the CPI. True, too, the industrialists still owe their employees a 2.7 per cent cost-of-living allowance held over from last January. But they still want the payment of the new allowance to be put off for at least one month.

On this point the industrialists have the full support of that famous defender of the downtrodden, the Treasury. In fact, the Treasury would rather go a step further and do away altogether with the time-hallowed arrangement of wage indexation. That would make life so much easier, for some parties. Workers could then still obtain compensation for price rises which are not due to higher wages, but it would be secured through the filtering-down of some of the benefits of higher worker productivity.

Being the party that must directly negotiate wages with the Histadrut, the Manufacturers' Association is well-aware that this particular formula is fairly unworkable so long as Israel has a double-digit inflation. The Association's own preferred medium-term alternative is the one it rejected last December, when it was put forward by the Histadrut: another package deal, quickly wrapped up, that will again include price regulation, wage restraint – and a mild devaluation.

Such a deal is still worth discussing, although a devaluation, even a mild one, is certainly not a consummation most devoutly to be wished at this time. But it cannot be a substitute for the payment on time of a due cost-of-living allowance.

It is time for Israel's industrialists to start practising what most of them so often preach, and stand on their own and not on other people's feet. Some of them, notably those in electronics, are indeed at present beset with difficulties that are not entirely of their own making, and they deserve consideration; primarily by the Manufacturers' Association itself. But if real wages have risen during the past year without a corresponding increase in productivity, thus helping generate excess demand, the blame for it lies mainly at the doors of the captains of industry themselves.

Low productivity, the bane of Israeli industry, is less a function of a devil-may-care labour mentality than of lousy management content to pay none but subsistence wages to its workers if it only can.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. A FRENCH businessman is planning to market refrigerators in Africa made mainly of wood. Alain Soumoudronga, of Malagasy origin, says that his fridges will cost half of the usual price for such products in developing countries. The innovation which will enable him to cut costs radically, reports AFP, is the refrigerator's casing which is made entirely of wood.

"Thus, not only will local raw materials be used, but local demand will be met with a product suited to local conditions," Soumoudronga said. "The cooling elements, running on electricity or other forms of power, will be imported."

Soumoudronga said that his project would be viable with an annual production rate of 5,000 units, and that he was negotiating with a country in sub-Saharan Africa.

Europe forfeits role in the Arab-Israel conflict

Susan Hattis Rolef

JUST LAST WEEK, German President Von Weizsäcker's speech-writer asked me what one could do to convince the Likud that the "the whole world is against us" approach is wrong and destructive.

I didn't have a ready answer. Today, I can tell him what one *shouldn't* do.

One shouldn't refuse to ratify agricultural, trade and financial accords with Israel; issue a totally one-sided condemnation of Israel's efforts to suppress the violent uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and call for the unconditional participation of the PLO in an international conference.

Nor should one express solidarity with the families of "the victims" only when the victims are Palestinians, most of whom were deliberately provoking Israeli soldiers, but not when they are innocent Israelis murdered in cold blood by Fatah terrorists in a hijacked bus.

None of these will convince Israel to do things which most Israelis believe to endanger the very existence of the Jewish state.

Not only has the European Parliament strengthened the feeling many Israelis (not only right wingers) have that, if not the whole world, at least Europe is against us. It has further reduced the European leverage with Israel.

Europe's influence over Israel was at a peak just before the Six Day War, with France serving as its main agent. De Gaulle's declaration of a one-sided arms embargo on Israel on the eve of that war, at a time when Israel felt besieged, drastically reduced the European influence.

Not only did the embargo have no influence whatsoever on Israel's policy at the time; it increased the country's dependence on the U.S. which in turn became the *only* state with the power to get Israelis and Arabs together to talk peace.

HAVING LOST their leverage with Israel, and having become (at least temporarily) dependent on the Arab oil producers, the Europeans opted for a policy of declarations purporting to be a contribution to furthering peace efforts in the Middle East. In fact, while this policy served various purposes, it contributed nothing to the peace process.

Emanating from the European Political Cooperation (EPC) initiated in 1971, the policy served as a focus for European political unity, with the EEC member states mustering around a single set of principles for resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict acceptable to themselves but not necessarily to the parties directly involved in the conflict.

The declarations also served the political interests of the individual member states, while the November 1973 declaration was designed to save the Europeans from an Arab oil embargo.

Despite the great amount of time and effort invested by the EEC in working out á theoretical basis for asthe Middle East settlement, both the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Egypt were received by it with reservations.

IN 1980, at the peak of the second oil crisis, the European policy evolved into the Venice Declaration, which for the first time called for recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination and the association of the PLO in the peace process.

However, it neither convinced any additional Arab states to recognize Israel within secure and recognized boundaries, nor Israel that the PLO, which *was not* called upon to recognize Israel's right to exist or to renounce terrorism, was a legitimate negotiating partner.

Neither Israel nor the Arabs saw the Venice Declaration as a final product, but merely as another step leading the European Community from a policy which showed considerable appreciation for the Israeli point of view to one which showed almost none.

EVEN IF THE forthcoming meeting of the foreign ministers of the Twelve does not follow the example of the European Parliament and produces another "even-handed" declaration, the recent decisions adopted by the parliament undoubtedly signify a further move by Europe away from Israel – a development that will merely encourage the continuation of violence in the territories, without advancing a negotiated settlement a single inch.

Regret for this development does not imply rejection of legitimate criticism of Israel by the Europeans. One may criticize half the Israeli government for objecting to any sort of international conference and rejecting the "territories for peace" principle. One may criticize a majority of the Israeli government for refusing to consider a Palestinian option.

However, criticism of Israel which is not accompanied by any show of appreciation for the dilemmas the Israeli policy-makers face, or by criticism of the Arabs for their refusal to give us the sort of assurances that would render our hesitations and suspicions unjustified, cannot be expected to achieve anything but deepening the country's paranoia, and strengthening those forces which obstinately refuse to give peace a chance.

ONE MAY FIND it curious that the Europeans have not learned from the Americans the art of constructive involvement in the peace-making process, and have preferred to mock American efforts, irrespective of their results. One may find it even more curious that the Europeans do not seem to realize just how little political and moral influence they have over Israel after having systematically destroyed the basis for such influence over the last 20 years.

Curious – unless one concludes that the Europeans do not really want to play a constructive role and are merely concerned with expressing of moral indignation and shedding crocodile tears.

Which, incidentally, leads one to wonder: what happened to all the proposals by Defence Minister Rabin to European leaders that they lend Israel a hand in improving the intolerable living conditions of the Palestinian refugees which the European Parliament so emphatically abhors.

And didn't the European Parliament ratify the agreements between the EEC and Syria despite President Assad's having killed 8,000 persons (including some Palestinians), several years ago, in the course of suppressing a domestic uprising?

If, indeed, moral indignation was what last week's decisions of the European Parliament was all about, we hope they will forgive us for being the merest bit cynical.

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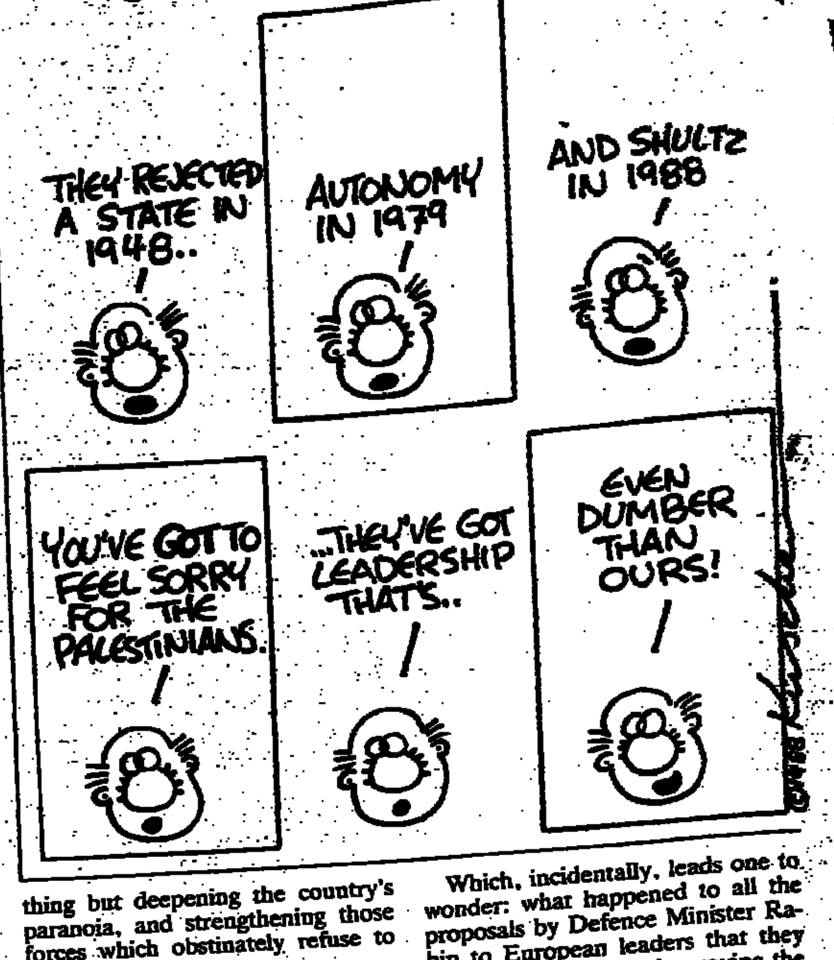

Now is the time to heal the building industry

Randy Apfelbaum and Adek Apfelbaum

ONE OF THE more vocal groups during the recent unrest in the territories was not the extreme right or extreme left, but the building contractors. Lack of Arab labour is being bemoaned by this sector of the economy by requesting delays in government contract completion.

This is only a recent addition to their long-standing propaganda to the effect that the Arabs are to be blamed for the industry's dismal performance.

The clichés are familiar: Construction is substandard because the Arab workers are untrained... We cannot compare our performance with other countries because we rely on Arab labour... It takes longer to build in Israel because of the Arab labour we have to use.

The fact is that these are only excuses covering up Israeli deficiencies and mismanagement. We are great in inventing excuses but very poor in learning standard management procedures used by other Western nations.

This latest development could be used to our advantage if we chose to admit our shortcomings.

New York City, when it was confronted with outdated building codes, took a giant (and costly) step in the late Fifties. After the original code was adopted in 1938, it was used as a model in writing and rewriting codes by many cities and municipalities. After 20 years, the code was found to be unsatisfactory, restrictive, wasteful and expensive, and did not consider new technologies. The result was a new code sponsored by the city and local building interests.

During the "affirmative action" days in the Sixties, when many blacks were introduced into the construction workforce, ability and technical knowhow among the newly-hired was non-existent.

The answer was a painful process of training and specialization. Groups were trained to be construction labourers, plumbers, and even electricians or supervisors.

There is a lesson to be learned from all this. Major changes and painful adjustments can and must be made when necessary.

Instead of acquiring construction workers on the corners of Jaffa or the Damascus Gate, who are unskilled and untrained, we should invest in a trained but smaller labour pool.

An unskilled labourer (Arab or Jew) cannot, merely by virtue of his willingness to work, be used as a stone-setter or concrete-form worker or concrete pourer or cleaner. Each task is specialized and requries special training.

Specialization would produce more expensive labour but require a smaller labour pool. This would result in better and faster construction, lower costs and more efficient operations. Good management would be a welcome by-product.

SO INSTEAD of complaining, let the construction industry, which has been judged by many to be 40-50 years behind North America and Europe, seize this opportunity and raise its standards.

The key is quality before quantity; training instead of complaining; scheduling rather than haphazard happenings; good management of manpower in place of letting loose unsupervised masses.

We have enough Arabs willing and able to work; what we don't have its enough Israelis who are trained to manage and supervise and thus utilize what resources are aviablable.

Now is the time to seize the oportunity for improvement. Local changes could be less complex than those undertaken in the U.S.

If this industry does not heal itself, it will suffer a worse fate than the loss of underproductive Arab workers; it may not be able to function at all in the decades to come.

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READERS' LETTERS

CURIOUS CUTS IN FILM "GANDHI"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – On March 3, Jordan television aired the film *Gandhi*. While watching the film, we noted with irony that the Jordanians had cut a scene showing a pacifist friend of Gandhi who was Jewish.

If the Jordanians cannot even watch a film that has one Jewish character shown in a decent light, how can we ever think that they might sit down to a negotiating table with us?

The fact that they also cut scenes of India's partition was interesting. We saw Hindu violence against Moslems, but not Moslem violence against Hindus. What a cute way to rewrite history.

DENISE AND NORMAN LEVNER

Carmiel.

EFRAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – This is the second time that an article in *The Jerusalem Post* incorrectly describes Efrat as a city in which 300 families came with me from America. Would God that this were true. The facts are that of the 300 families in Efrat approximately 150 are Israeli and 150 are "Anglo-Saxon." There are another 150 families in the process of building homes in Efrat who are scheduled to move in within the next year, with a similar division between Israelis and Anglo-Saxons.

I have personally been involved in Efrat since 1976, and to that end organized an American aliya group called *Raishit Geula*. At one time, we had 200 families interested in coming to Efrat, but this was when the price of houses was thought to be $40,000, rather than more than double that price which they became. Eventually more than 100 families from *Raishit Geula* did make aliya, some 20 of them to Efrat and the rest to Ramot and the Tel Aviv area, which was closer to their places of employment.

Since I am an inveterate optimist, I hope that the 300 family number from my former New York congregation for Efrat will become prophetic rather than fanciful in the near future.

SHLOMO RISKIN
Chief Rabbi of Efrat

Efrat.

A TRIPARTITE CONFEDERATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Referring to David Krivine's article of March 9, "Scenarios for the year 2000," I believe that the only option that can lead to an Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian peace treaty is the option of a tripartite confederation between Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian federation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian entity will have the same international status as Israel and Jordan. But it will be a state without an army and its zones will be demilitarized. In addition, the borders between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian federation will be open to free movement of people, vehicles, money and products. In other words, the three entities will agree on economic unification and political cooperation.

As an Israeli who is in daily contact with well-known Palestinian personalities in the territories and abroad, I believe that most of them agree on and support this option. I am sure that the moment that Israel will be ready to negotiate on the establishment of a tripartite confederation, the Palestinians and the Jordanians will come to the negotiation table.

The problem with this option is that nobody in Israel is ready to discuss and examine this option seriously and present it to the public.

ARYE HESS,
Chairman of the Confederation Group in the Labour Party

Jerusalem.

PURE TERROR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – As an American visiting Israel, I am disturbed by the reported excesses of the IDF in attempting to control the disturbances in the territories. But I am totally outraged by the pure terrorist attack on innocent Israeli civilians in a bus by the PLO.

If leaders in the Arab world cannot see the difference between the IDF using force to stop violent demonstrations and the PLO murdering civilians in cold blood, then I do not see these leaders as being men with whom one can reason, let alone negotiate peace agreements. Let the leaders of the Arab world speak out and condemn this barbaric act.

If the Palestinian people themselves will not recognize the State of Israel's right to exist in peace, then I do not see that they have any right to claim the same for themselves.

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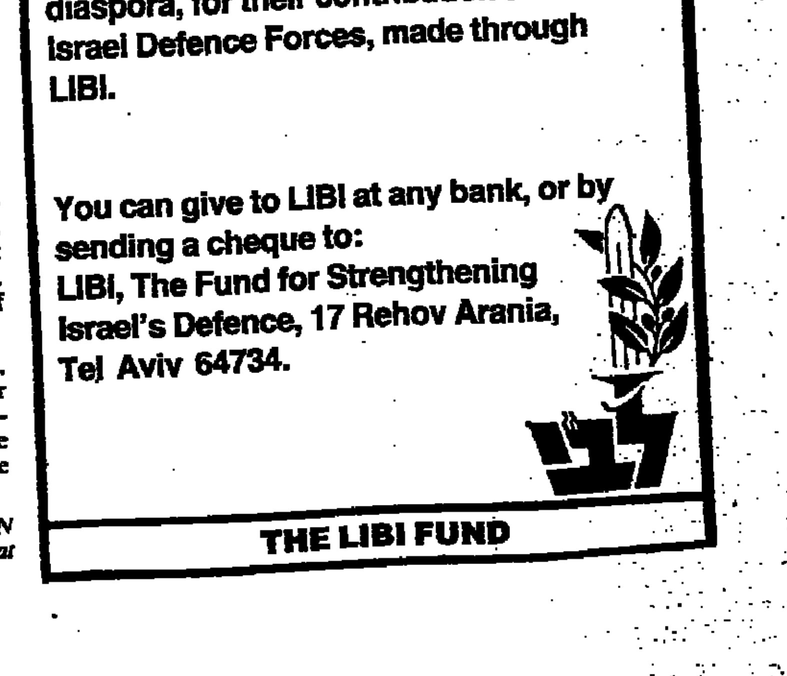

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